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Valpo High adds a new album to the 2012-2013 school year



Student Life



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Valparaiso High School shares

#AsWeKnewIt

From Myspace to Facebook to Twitter to Instagram, the world of technology was always changing just as Valparaiso High School was always evolving. The 2012-2013 school year brought changes to leadership, classes, clubs, and athletics. Some of the changes at VHS included the new student management system RDS. VHS also had changes in leadership with the addition of new principal **Mr. Reid Amones**, as well as new superintendent **Mr. Mike Berta**.

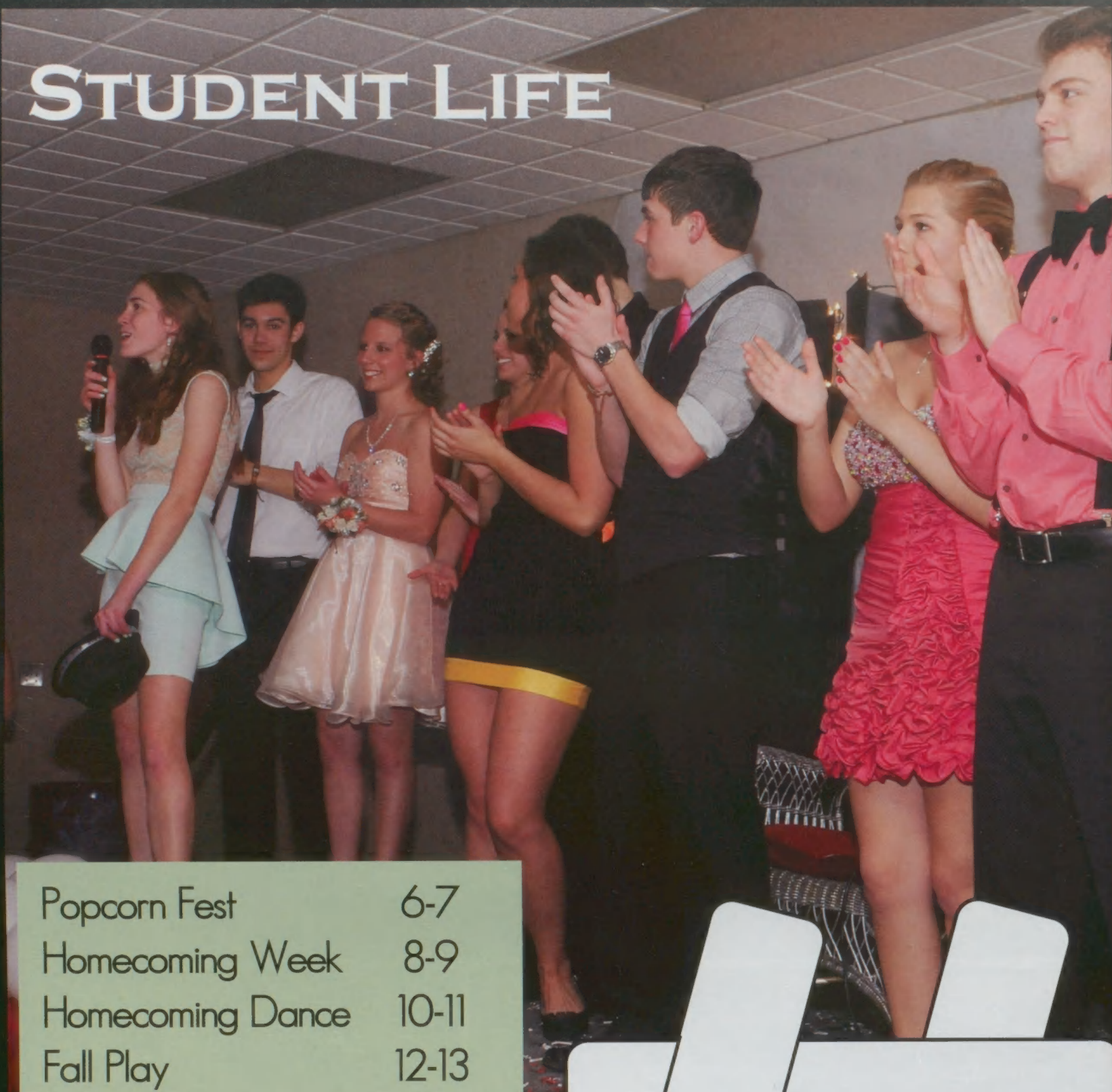
During the school year, students were influenced by social networking. Through the various sites, people documented their lives through posts, tweets, pictures, and the famous hash-tag. This art of sharing allowed students at VHS to keep updated on the day-to-day lives of their peers. Also, it was easy to see the acceptance of the new changes through the many postings. Students may have missed the old VHS, but they came to recognize that these changes would bring about new ways of life and learning.

The all-too-popular hash-tag truly became a symbol of the connections between students at VHS. They could use hash-tags to share their thoughts on all the changes to VHS from crowded lunch hours to new leadership. Ultimately though, the new era of VHS was documented throughout the pages of the yearbook and it recorded the school year **#AsWeKnewIt**.

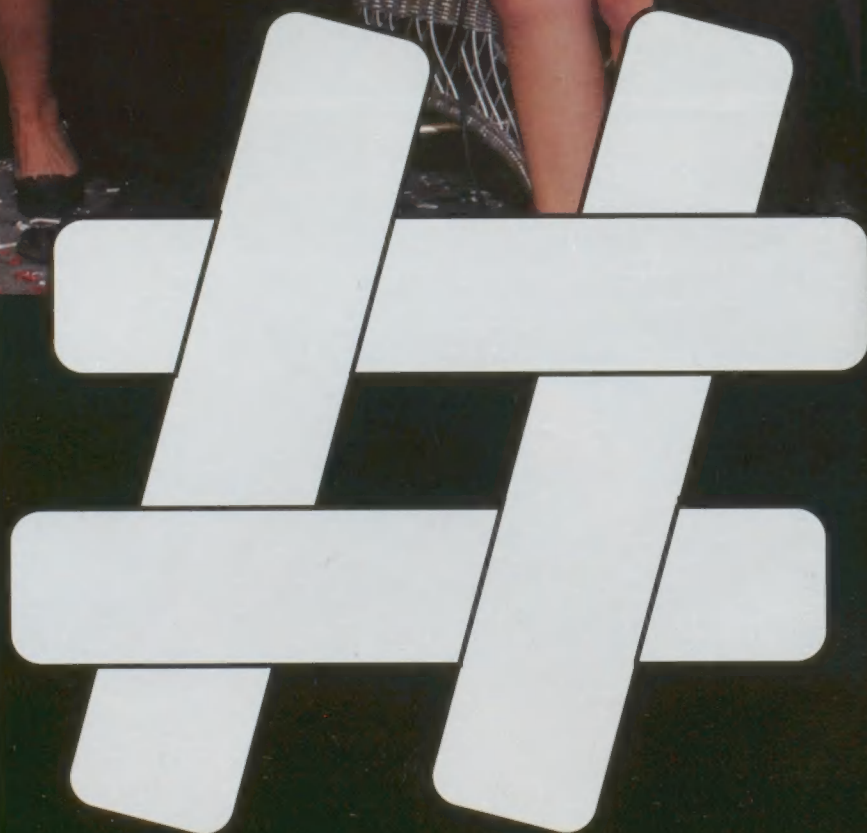


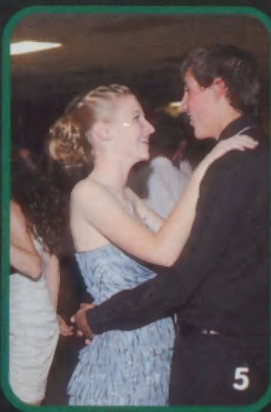
1. With determination, senior **Mary Gooding** fights for the ball.
2. A group of girls enjoy the evening at the Homecoming Dance.
3. During the pep rally, the senior Vikettes compete in a toilet paper costume contest with the senior cheerleaders.
4. Members of the manufacturing class test their boats during the **Viking Cardboard Boat Regatta** during 9th hour in the VHS swimming pool. Seven boats competed where they had to complete a cruise in the pool.
5. Students listen to **Mrs. Fiegle-Hicks** during math class.

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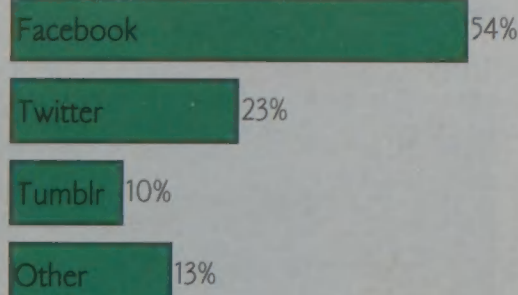




1. Senior Natalie Wirsing presents her artwork at the Honor's Art Show.
2. The Valparaiso community gathers for the annual *This is Our Story* concert and art show.
3. The April Antics show "The Viking Carol" was a parody of the traditional Christmas Carol.
4. During *Mocha Madness*, sophomores Katie Ploetz and Dan Barajas begin a skit for Team "Saturday Night Undead".
5. Sophomore Katelyn Ayers and her date dance to a slow song at the Homecoming Dance.
6. Contestants in Mr. VHS join up for a kickline in their opening number.
7. The VHS Marching Band leads the procession in the Popcorn Parade.
8. Senior Tess Galbiati, as the Cheshire Cat, performs with senior Sam Prevost, as Alice, during the fall play.
9. The German V class prepares for their play "Der Wolf und der sieben Geisslein" at the Valparaiso University Theater Festival.

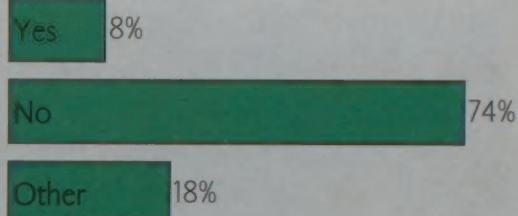
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Favorite Social Networking Site



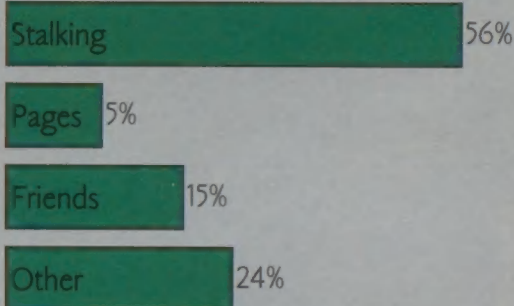
Example: Instagram

Do you want to bring Myspace back?



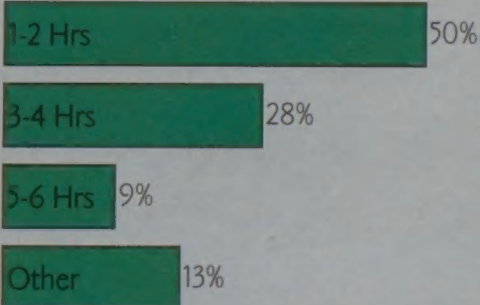
Example: Heck no!!

Favorite Part of Facebook



Example: Discussion groups

Time You Spend Social Networking



Examples: 30 mins, more than 6 hrs

Forty students were surveyed and these were their thoughts on social networking.



Popcorn Fest

Info:

Valparaiso's annual Popcorn Festival took place on September 8. The day was sunny and warm, a perfect day for ice cream and lemonade, of which many people took advantage.

There was a great turnout of 1,275 participants for the morning Popcorn Panic.

The streets smelled of buttered popcorn and were crowded with people of all ages. In addition, the booths had long lines and plenty of business.

"[It was] a tradition," said junior **Stephanie Clymer**. "I love[d] seeing all the different booths and enjoying the food and entertainment."

Many high school students participated in the activities by marching in the parade or working in the booths.



Valparaiso High School cheerleaders show their spirit in the parade.

Face painting is a popular activity at the VHS Art Club booth.



Valparaiso High School's marching band perform in perfect unison.

Senior **Sabrina Pierotti** assists VHS English teacher Mrs. Julie Remschneider with kettle corn.



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Drum majors senior **Heather Scott**, junior **Joshua Abatie**, and sophomore **Kathryn Berger** lead the way for the band.



The float for NITCO catches many eyes as it makes its way down the street.



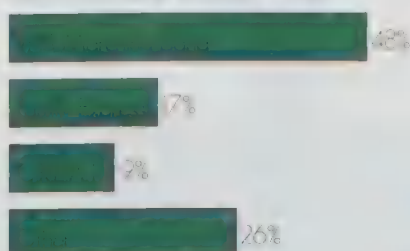
Valparaiso citizens, including VHS students, spread awareness of the military deaths.



Sticky Fingers candy shop advertises with an attention-grabbing float.

#survey

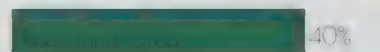
Favorite Thing in the Parade



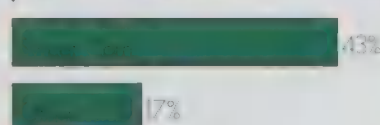
Examples: Whistles, cones...



Favorite Food to Eat

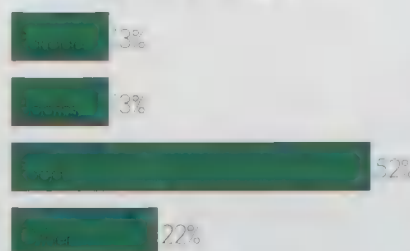


Examples: popcorn, ice cream

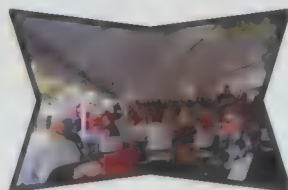


Examples: popcorn, ice cream

Best Part of the Festival



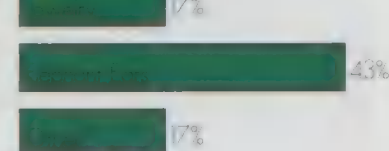
Examples: music, popcorn, smell



Favorite Booth



Examples: hot dog, popcorn



Examples: hot dog, popcorn



1. Seniors Elyse Horb, Marlene Viloria, and Marisa Cain pose with *Don Quijote* owner Carlos Rivero at the popcorn tent.
2. The VHS Art Club hosts a booth for face-painting and hair-coloring. Sophomore Marie Wirsing helped out at the booth.
3. VHS students show their support for Team Blaney in the parade.
4. VHS Vikettes dance to the Beach Boy's "Surfin' in the USA".
5. Junior Jessica Rodriguez and sophomore Daniel Barajas walk in the parade.
6. Crowds gather at the Central Park Plaza to enjoy the music being played by the variety of bands during the day.
7. The brass section of the band marches while playing their music.



Homecoming Week

Info:

During the week of Homecoming which took place from October 1 to October 4, VHS was full of students sporting their crazy and outrageous outfits to show off their school spirit. Spirit week consisted of jersey day, class color day, blackout day, patriotic day, as well as green and white day.

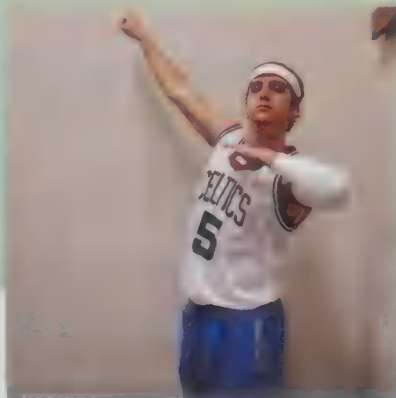
"The spirit week days were awesome this year. I loved coming to school seeing everyone in their wacky outfits; it was so much fun!" said senior **Ceara Summers**.

The homecoming parade was also held during the week and students also attended a pep rally downtown in Central Park Plaza to cheer on the Vikings who played the Portage Indians. The Vikings defeated Portage 43-14 in the Homecoming game.



Classmates in Ms. Gordana Sormaz's class pose for a picture wearing their favorite sports team jerseys.

Wearing his favorite basketball jersey, senior **Zach Meyer** shows his spirit on jersey day.

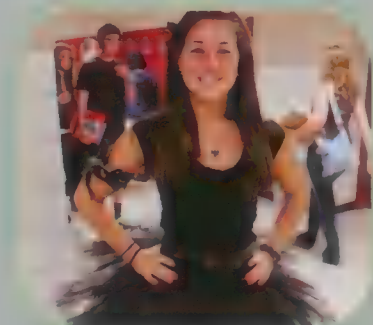


Displaying his Viking costume, senior **Josh Fritts** exhibits enthusiasm for green and white day.

On patriotic day, seniors **John Miller** and **Peter Fink** sport their red, white, and blue attire.



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For blackout day junior **Maria Yallourakis** wears her black tutu.



Senior **Brenna Lill** wears her favorite tie dye shirt for class color day.



For spirit week, sophomore **Hanna Wilson** wears her festive necklace.



Junior **Heather Novak** wears her fun and colorful pink outfit.



#spotlight

How did it feel when you were nominated Princess?

- "It felt like I was Honey Boo Boo winning the Grand Supreme title," said **Andi Sarkisian**.

What was the best part about being on the Homecoming court?

- "The best part of being on Homecoming court was watching hours of *Toddlers and Tiaras* getting my inspiration," said **Sarkisian**.



1. The football team smiles for a picture as they get ready to leave the school.
2. The freshmen show their school spirit on their float before the Homecoming game.
3. STAND club members participate in the Homecoming Parade.
4. Queen **Catilyn Gear**, Princess **Andi Sarkisian**, **Alyssa Jones**, **Neha Sehgal**, **Hannah Raschke**, and **Amanda Smaga** represent the Homecoming Court.
5. Princess **Andi Sarkisian** and Queen **Caitlyn Gear** smile for a picture.
6. **Mr. Steve Davis** and **Mrs. Jeannine Schott** are nominated teacher king and queen for Homecoming Week during the pep rally.
7. The Vikings celebrate after a victory against the Portage Indians.



Homecoming Dance

Info:

The theme for the 2012 homecoming dance was "Night Under the Big Top." The event featured carnival type decorations such as a kissing booth, fortune telling, and popcorn stands that advertised "Free Popcorn!" According to VHS cheerleading coach Kara Wissing, approximately 1,030 tickets were sold for the dance.

The cheerleaders went through a lot of hard work to get ready for the dance. They started planning for the dance in July, made the decorations in August, and then on the night before the homecoming dance the cheerleaders went back to the school and decorated until 3 a.m.



Seniors Emily Novello, Alexias Dejesus, Ceara Summers, Kayla Corbett, Lizz Gold, Hannah Raschke, Paula Sickles, Morgan Calvert, and Rashawnda Gilliam meet up to take pictures before the dance.

Seniors Mallory Held, Zach Smith, Nicole Koehn, Katherine Halik, and juniors Joe Timpe, Zach Sutton, and Natalie Bleza take pictures before the dance.



Before going to the dance, senior Kaylee Mathis, her date, Dakota Tallent, and Taylor Cohs take pictures.

Homecoming queen Caitlyn Gear and Claire Scherschel enter the dance.



#court



Caitlyn Gear and Zac Frey

"My favorite part was being able to walk out onto the field with my dad, and then escort. Russell Stewart," said Caitlyn Gear.

"The best part of being on Homecoming court was watching hours of *Toddlers and Tiaras* getting my inspiration..." said Sarkisian.



Andi Sarkisian and Bobby Jacobs



Hannah Raschke and Brandon Mocco

"My favorite part about being on court was getting to know the people on court better and riding in the parade!" said Raschke.

"My favorite part about being on homecoming court was dressing crazy every day for spirit week and walking down the field with all the girls," said Jones.



Alyssa Jones and Ryan Bednar



Neha Sehgal and Peter Fink

"My favorite part would probably be the game itself. I was really honored to be able to represent my class. Getting to know the others on the court was also a great experience," said Sehgal.

"For me, being on homecoming court was such an amazing experience. I loved having my brother, Tyler, be my escort because he is such an incredible brother to me," said Smaga.



Amanda Smaga and Jason Egolf



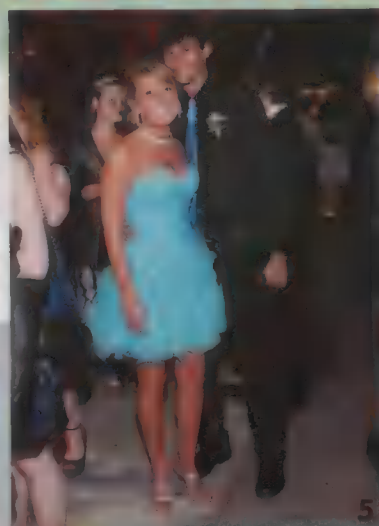
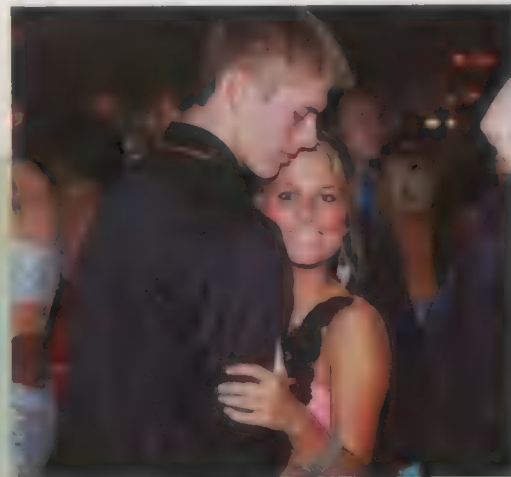
#spotlight

Q: What was your favorite thing about being nominated for homecoming court?

A: "My favorite thing about being nominated for court was that I actually got to watch a football game for the first time. I have always been on the sidelines because of cheerleading, so that was awesome to actually just stand there and get to watch the game," said cheerleading captain **Caitlyn Gear**.

Q: What was the best thing about decorating for the homecoming dance?

A: "The best thing about decorating was feeling so involved with the dance. We not only got to go to the dance, but also took pride in making it a memorable night," said **Gear**.



1. Senior **Molly Grant** and her date lean in for a kiss at the booth.
2. After a months of planning for the dance, the cheerleaders finally get to see their hard work pay off.
3. Sophomore **Emily Fredericks** and her date slow-dance to the music.
4. VHS students pose for a picture while having fun.
5. Senior **Paula Sickles** and junior **Oscar Romo** enjoy the evening.
6. Junior **Ray Pevar** gets his fortune told by Mrs. Kat Bailey.
7. Homecoming queen **Caitlyn Gear**, princess **Andi Sarkisian**, **Alyssa Jones**, **Hannah Raschke**, **Neha Sehgal**, and **Amanda Smaga** along with their dates represent the 2012 homecoming court.



Fall Play

Info:

Members of the Valparaíso High School Drama Club presented Lewis Carroll's *Alice In Wonderland*. The drama club worked with a cast of over fifty students, including the characters and crew. The cast and crew had rehearsed for two months prior to the play.

The production ran from November 16 to November 18 and was performed in the VHS auditorium. To publicize the event, the cast was in character at Barnes and Noble for a tea party and fundraiser.

Tickets were \$10 and sold at every lunch hour the week before, as well as, at the door.

"My favorite thing about the play was being backstage with the rest of the cast and crew. There were a lot of laughs and fun memories I will never forget," said sophomore **Erin Brown**.



Sophomore **Mitch Paxton** (Tweedledum) and senior **Amanda Smaga** (Tweedledee) meet with Alice.

Cast members celebrate the tea party at Barnes and Noble in Valparaíso to publicize the play.



Senior **Tess Galbiati** (Cheshire Cat) performs a musical number with the flowers.

Senior **Samantha Prevost** (Alice) speaks with fellow senior **Tess Galbiati** (Cheshire Cat) about how to find her way home.



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Sophomores **Carli Mehofer** and **Alexandra Runnion** represent the Flowers at the tea party held at Barnes and Noble Bookstore.



Seniors **Sabrina Pierotti** (Princess) and **Samantha Prevost** (Alice) meet when Alice arrives in Wonderland.



Senior **Tess Galbiati** (Cheshire Cat) falls asleep as she contemplates a way to help Alice.



Seniors **John Kotynski** (King) and **Anthony Majewski** (Mad Hatter) meet up during the end of the play.



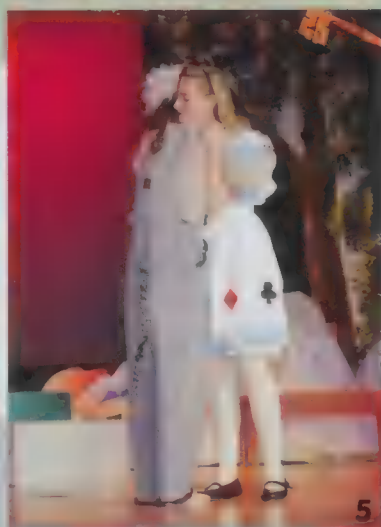
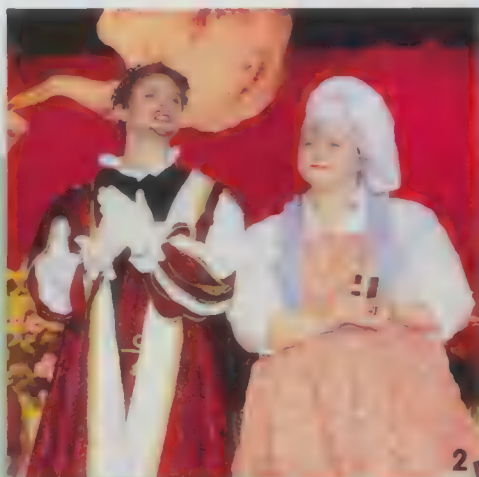
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Q: What was the most difficult thing about being Alice?

A: "It was challenging to make sure that I upheld the identity of a twelve year old girl. It was hard when you are so tall and almost an adult to maintain that innocence constantly on stage," said senior **Samantha Prevost**.

Q: Is there one thing that you learned from the play or your cast members?

A: "If there was one thing I learned from this show it was that I would always find a home within my theatre family. Everyone was so kind and open. We all really helped each other to succeed and flourish on the stage, which, to me, was absolutely amazing," said **Prevost**.



1. During the first scene, senior **Tyler Smaga** (White Rabbit) runs away from Alice when she first arrives at Wonderland.
2. Senior **John Kotynski** (King) and junior **Rachel Keller** (Cook) discuss the meal plans for the evening.
3. **Kayne Hertaus** and **Djordie Kovacevic** (Soldiers) take Alice away to court in Act II, Scene ii.
4. At the Mad Tea Party, **Samantha Prevost** (Alice) speaks with senior **Anthony Majewski** (Mad Hatter), junior **Erin Brown** (Dormouse), and junior **Gareth Kaye** (March Hare).
5. Seniors **Tess Galbiati** (Cheshire Cat) and **Samantha Prevost** (Alice) share a hug when it is time for Alice to return home for her birthday party.
6. Senior **Russell Stewart** (Humpty Dumpty) sits on the wall during the play.
7. The jury awaits the trial of Alice.



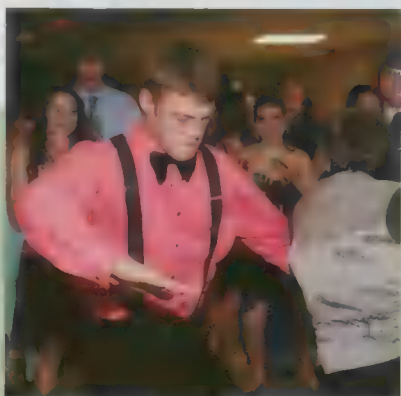
King of Hearts

Info:

As a tradition at Valparaiso High School, the King of Heart's dance was a change of pace for everyone. At this dance it was the girl's turn to take responsibility and ask a boy of her choice to the dance.

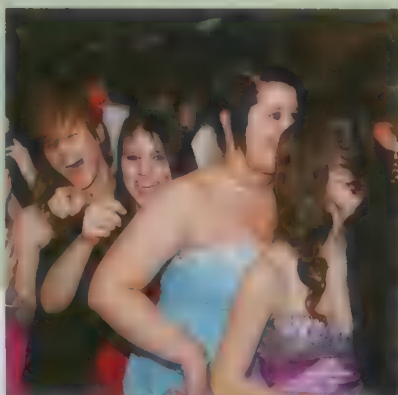
The KOH took place on Saturday, February 23 where the school's cafeteria was transformed into a starry night on the town thanks to the efforts of Key Club. The theme for the dance was 1920's *Chicago Caper*. The theme rendered memories of the romantic 1920's era known for flappers, Prohibition, and Jazz.

"We were planning a kind of classy atmosphere with a Hollywood tint to it," said Key Club President **Rachel Hall**.



Senior **Luke Davis** shows off his moves on the dance floor.

Students dance in a Conga line while having fun.

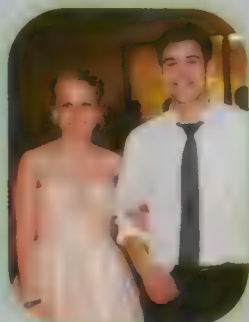


Key Club president **Rachel Hall** and senior representative **Kathryn Schoer** announce the court.

Tyler Smaga, KOH King, celebrates his win on stage.



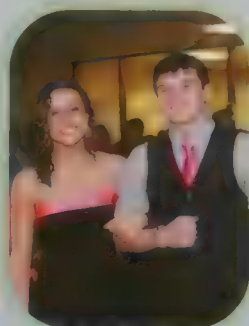
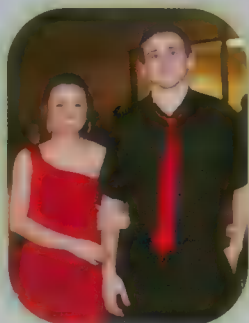
#court



Peter Fink and **Taylor Woods**

"What I liked about KOH was that the girls ask the guys. I didn't have to pay for dinner."

Zach Meyer and **Jojo Vincel**

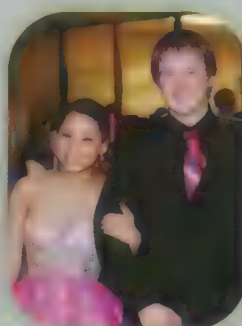


Jordan Galligan and **Tarrah Lasky**

"I was very excited to be on the KOH court. It was an honor!"

"It was always fun to dress up for spirit week."

Luke Davis and **Liz Stressler**



Russell Stewart and **Kayla Martisek**

"I think high school dances are a blast! I've been to about five."

"I believe it was more of a privilege than a responsibility to be on the court."

Tyler Smaga (KOH King) and **Victoria Letnich**



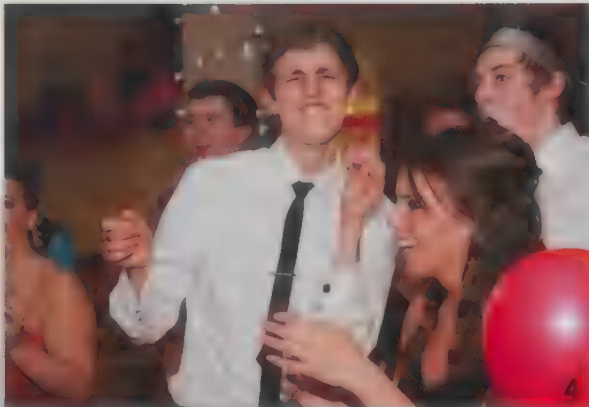
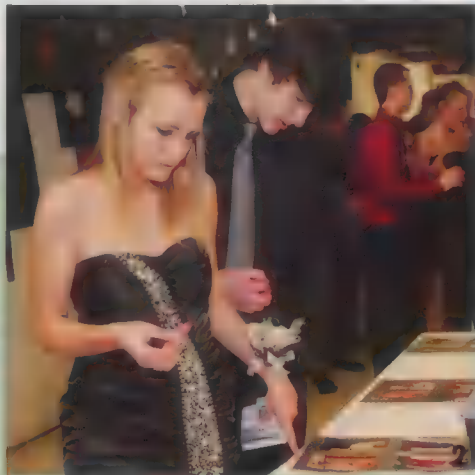
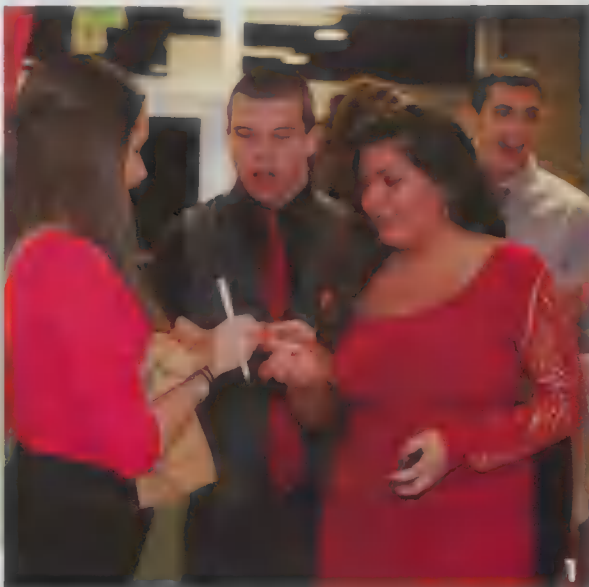


#spotlight

As president of Key Club, the organization in charge of the King of Heart's Dance, **junior Rachel Hall** had a lot on her plate.

"It was crazy," she said on setting up for the dance. "But, it added to how fun it was for those involved."

Hall felt a lot of responsibility as president of the club. "I felt like I really grew up a lot this year. People relied on me more, but it was not like I was on a different level from them," she said. "We worked months ahead. We had a lot of fun, there was always a lot of laughter."



1. Students Abby Ramirez and Jonny Steiner enter the dance.
2. Sophia Roberts and Brandon Greve vote for KOH king.
3. Seniors Taylor Post and Kevin Maynard enjoy the music while dancing.
4. Senior Landon Davison enjoys the evening with his friends on the dance floor.
5. Senior Brianna Konrad shows off her moves.
6. Cody Zander and Lonnie Pappas have fun on the dance floor.
7. Juniors Bret Boetel, Maria Yallourakis, Bridgette Lange and Jacob Woodward smile for a group picture.



Mocha Madness

Info:

Mocha Madness was the annual Valparaiso High School improv event. It showcased a variety of talents from the drama club over a span of three consecutive nights in March.

Improvational comedy involved making up scenes without any previous preparation or planning. The cast provided dialogue for situations that had never been rehearsed before. There were two teams that competed in the improv battle and the judges in the audience rated each scene on a scale of one to five. The team with the highest points was crowned the winner.

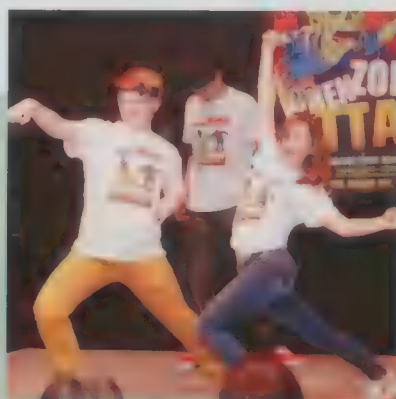
The students that wore a black bandana were "The Laughing Dead", while the team with the red bandana represented "The Saturday Night Undead".

"My favorite part of Mocha Madness was definitely working with my fellow cast members and hearing the audience laugh," said sophomore **Kevin Scannell**.



Before the night starts, the cast gets ready to begin the show.

Castmembers prepare to play an improvisational game in front of the audience. Mocha Madness was an annual event.



Castmates **Jonathan Krus** and **Ethan Pony** act out the entire alphabet.



Sophomores **Kevin Scannell** and **Laura Riggle** participate in a game where family members attempt to take a picture.

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Senior **Emily Froelich** and sophomore **Daniel Barajas** pretend fight during a skit.



Group members of "The Laughing Dead" act as zombies in the opening.



Using body language and facial expressions, **Michael Pupillo** displays confusion.



Seniors **Samantha Prevost** and **Taylor Post** open up the show.



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Q: Why did you decide to do Mocha Madness?

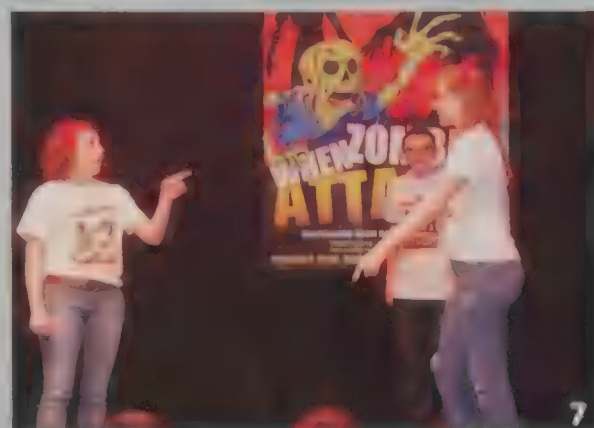
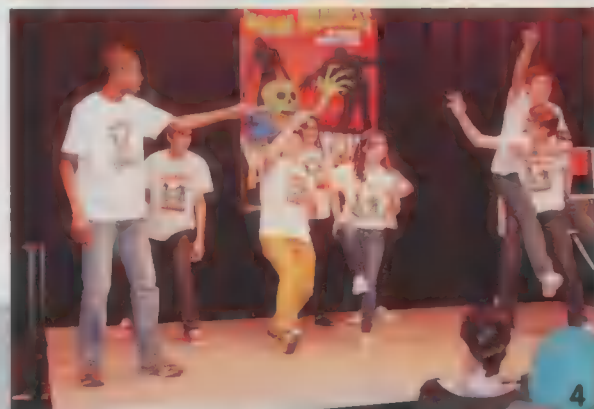
A: "My friends are the reason I chose to do Mocha Madness this year. I saw them having a good time on stage and I decided that I would like to get in on the action," said sophomore **Ethan Pony**.

Q: What was your favorite part of Mocha Madness?

A: "My favorite part of Mocha Madness was the awesome group of people I got to hang out with before, during, and after the show."

Q: What makes this show different from the other drama productions?

A: "With this show there was no script and anything could happen."



1. Seniors **Nicole Koehn** and **Amanda Smaga** with sophomore **Katie Ploetz** match up authors of books with the story.

2. In the opening, the cast pretends to be zombies.

3. Seniors **Amanda Smaga** and **Russell Stewart** participate in a game of *Survivor*.

4. Team members from "The Laughing Dead" take part in a game where each cast member takes a family picture under different circumstances.

5. Senior **Tyler Smaga** plays a game where the cast has to ring a bell on stage and say something similar to what the previous person said.

6. Cast members wait in between the games to take their turns.

7. Some of the participants play a game in which they cannot say a word with the letter 'p' in it.



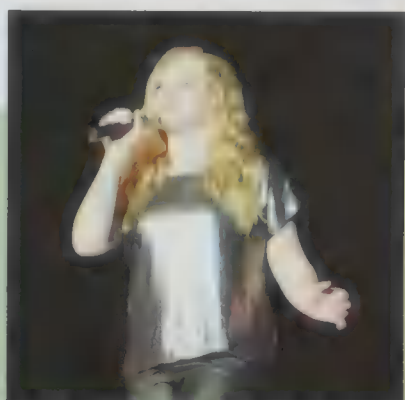
April Antics

Info:

"A Viking Carol" was the theme for the April Antics variety show sponsored by the Valparaiso High School Drama Club. The annual event showcased the many talents of VHS students and included a wide array of performances this year which ranged from a Bollywood dance routine to a rendition of Kanye West's song "Heartless" played on apps with the performer's iPhones.

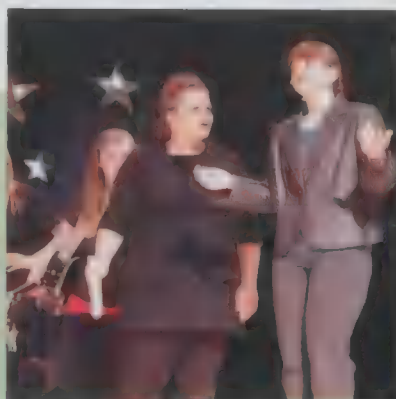
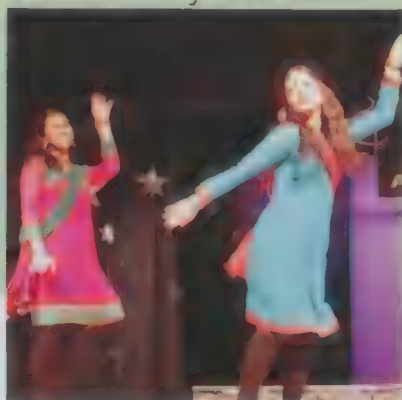
The skits in between performances consisted of a girl being visited by the ghosts of April Antic's past, who helped her realize what the show was really all about. This year's production was dedicated to former VHS drama teacher Mrs. Alice Gambel.

The production took place April 19 and April 20th in the VHS auditorium.



Sophomore **Carli Meihofer** sings "Skyfall" by Adele.

Seniors **Dana Khabbaz** and **Neha Sehgal** perform a traditional Bollywood dance.



Junior **Rachel Keller** and senior **Brenna Lil** take part in the April Antic's production.

Junior **Greer Brown** sings "Heartless" by Kanye West.



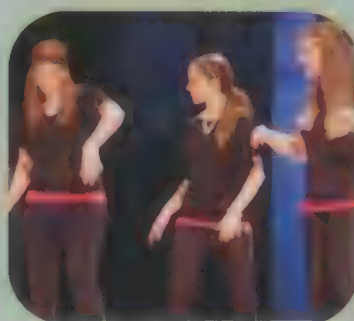
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Sophomore **Daniel Barajas** performs his solo.



Seniors **Patrick Dalton** and **Jordan Galligan** collaborate on the duet of "Just the Way You Are".



Seniors **Emily Froelich**, **Mallory Held**, and sophomore **Katie Ploetz**



Brianna Konrad, senior, and junior **Marilee Tullis** perform a duet.



#spotlight

Q: What was it like playing such a huge part in the show?

A: "It was such an honor to be involved in the show. It was also awesome working with such a great cast," said senior **Nicole Koehn**.

Q: What was your favorite thing about being in April Antics?

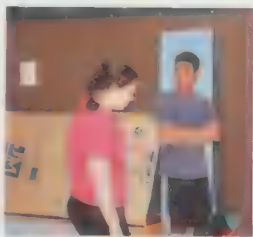
A: "All of the talent at VHS is incredible and I'm so lucky I got to see it all for free," said **Koehn**.

Q: Why did you join the drama club?

A: "I did some shows and middle school and though it was fun so I decided to continue in high school," said **Koehn**.



1. Seniors **John Kotynski** and **Mindi Reach** sing a duet of "500 Miles."
2. **Tess Galbiati**, a senior, sings "Home" from *Beauty and the Beast*.
3. Seniors **Russell Stewart** and **Tyler Smaga** rock out with sophomore **Emily Walsh** after her solo.
4. Senior **Brandon McFadden** plays "Secrets" by OneRepublic on the piano in an angel costume.
5. Senior **John Miller** performs on the saxophone.
6. The Varsity Singers entertain the audience with a dance routine.
7. Flight 10:50 which includes **Julia Dalton**, **J.P. Kunze**, **Ian Norris**, and **Bobby Gallowitch** perform an 80's medley.



Art Show

Info:

The 22nd annual honor's art show was held Thursday, April 11 and Friday, April 12 in the upper gym balcony, and the event featured 34 artists.

"My favorite part of the show was seeing the faces of students as they were delighted with the recognition of their hard work and creativity of their artwork," said art teacher **Marilyn Hanson**.

Those that attended the show enjoyed the creative atmosphere. "My favorite part of the art show was eating all the snacks and viewing all the displays. I had a lot of fun walking through the displays and viewing them," said senior **Nicole Tisma**.



"Trying to not constantly talk about the art show was really difficult! I think the entire week leading up, people were reminded about it at least ten times!" said junior **Caitlyn D'Elia**.

Junior **George Krummel** works on a display wall while preparing for the show.



Seniors **Jonah Simon** and **Elisa Hoffmann** take a relaxing break from setting up for the show.

"It was awesome to see how much everybody liked my art and to see that all my hard work was finally paying off," said senior **Alex Jobbe**.



#art



"Being in the art show has helped me grow artistically and be more prepared for the coming art world that I so desperately want to become a part of!" said senior **Clarie Reed**.



Amy Martin



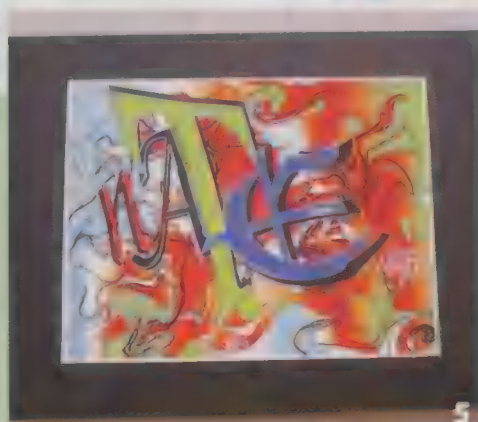
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#artists

Nathan Biancardi, Gabrielle Block, Lexie Bluhm, Leah Burch, Caitlyn D'Elia, Alyssa Despoy, Morgan Green, Erica Harms, Elisa Hoffmann, Heather Hoskins, Amanda Hurley, Tucker Jaroll, Alex Jobbe, Jasmine Josleyn, Alex Kalasountas, Caroline Koenig, Michelle Kusterski, George Krummel, Aubrey Kurt, Amy Martin, Martha Marquez, McCaul Sawina, Claire Reed, Nathan Schwartz, Jasmine Silvas, Jonah Simon, Kate Spencer, Nicole Tisma, Marilee Tullis, Mayra Valle, Nikayla Vargas, Autumn Venekamp, Marisa Villareal, Natalie Wirsing



1. *She'll Change Her Name Today* by senior **Amanda Hurley** - "My favorite part was seeing how each art booth was unique, not one was the same," said Hurley.
2. Artwork by Kate Spencer
3. *Electric Nature* by junior **Leah Burch** - "It was exciting being able to show people a different side of yourself through your art," said Burch.
4. *A Virginian Summer* by senior **Marisa Villareal** - "The art show was a wonderful time to truly express yourself and show your appreciation for other artists," said Villareal.
5. Artwork by Nathan Schwartz
6. "The most fun part was admiring everyone else's work from the AP and IB art classes," said senior **Tucker Jaroll**.
7. *Spider-Man* by junior **Caroline Koenig** - "I loved seeing everyone's different style," said Koenig.
8. *Robo-Dude* by junior **George Krummel** - "Building makes me happy," said Krummel.
9. Artwork by Natalie Wirsing
10. "The hardest part was having to build the giant walls," said junior **Marilee Tullis**.

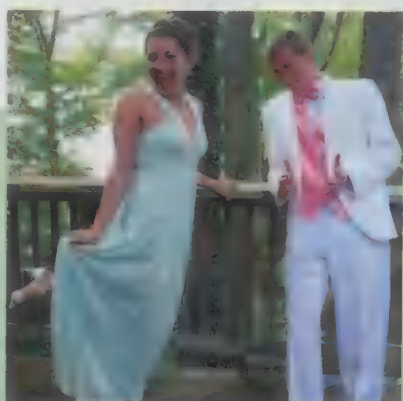


Prom

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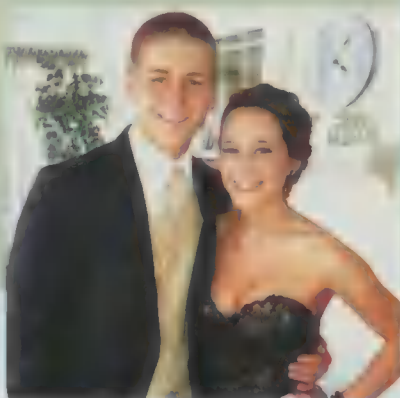
"Masquerade Ball" was the theme of the 2013 prom which was held at the Porter County Expo Center on Friday, May 17, 2013. The junior class, under the leadership of **Mrs. Mara Fiegle-Hicks**, **Mrs. Rhonda Yelton**, and junior class president **Samantha Yaros** were in charge of planning this one- of -a- kind night. Decorations included many masks, a bridge, and an arch decorated with streamers and lights. **Mr. Adam "Boomer" Nellessen** was the DJ for the night and received great reviews from the students.

"I had been preparing for prom for quite some time. I was so ready for it about two months before because that was when I began buying things for prom, and with everything I bought I became more and more excited," said senior **Taylor Cohs**.



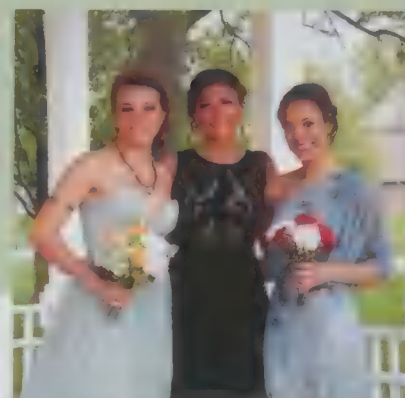
Senior **Amanda Smaga** and her twin **Tyler Smaga** pose for a silly picture together before the night begins.

Putting his arm around his date, junior **Michael Gallinatti** and senior **Addison Tompi** smile for a picture.



Juniors **Brooke Sever** and **Cassie Klavas** pose with their flowers at Coffee Creek.

Seniors **Bailey Swan**, **Alex Kalasountas**, and **Carmen Henderson** smile for the camera.



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Seniors **Olivia Lawson**, **Mindi Reach**, and **Gabrielle Vinyard** smile for parents.



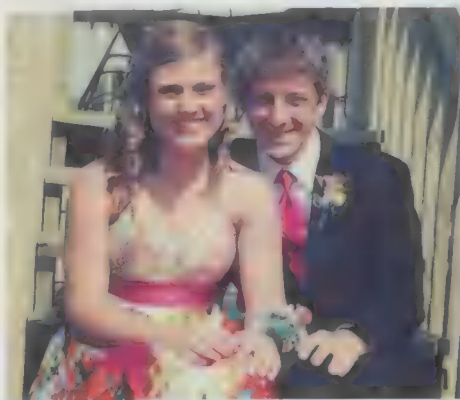
Seniors **Marisa Cain** and **Vince Milton** use the beach as a pretty photo setting.



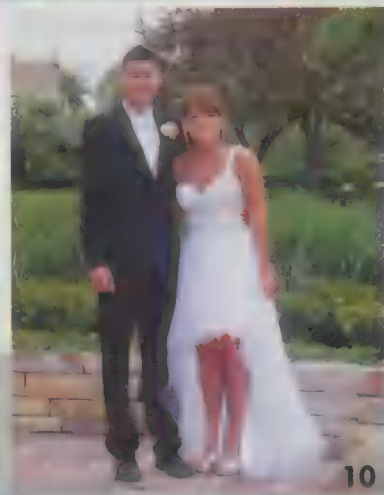
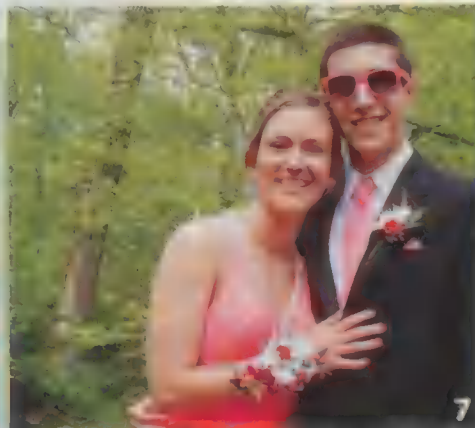
After the grand march, seniors **Emily Scarsella** and **Brianna Konrad** pose together.



At Rodger's Lakewood, seniors **Kayla Corbett** and **Kate Spencer** show off their dresses.



1. Seniors Elyse Horb and Andrew Lyp sit on the steps for a picture before leaving for the Grand March.
2. Standing in front of a fountain, seniors Emily Street and Jacob Hamer take pictures at Butterfly Park.
3. At Ogden Gardens, a group of juniors and seniors pose for photos with their dates.
4. After participating in the Grand March, senior Ashley Kozik and junior Kelly Bledsoe prepare to leave for the Expo Center.
5. Seniors pose for a picture before the night begins. "Senior prom was definitely the best dance I've been to because I got to spend it with my best friends and we all looked amazing," said senior Megan Shivley.

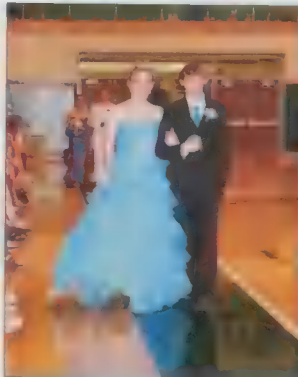


6. Seniors Emily Novello, Matt Fredericks, Hannah Raschke, Lizz Gold, Taylor Cohs, Alexias DeJesus, Alex Abraham, Kaylee Mathis, Dakota Tallent, John Zajicek, and sophomore Scott Perkins take pictures at Coffee Creek before going to the high school for the Grand March.
7. Seniors Sydney Perry and Nicholas Kalafatis pose for one more picture.
8. "My favorite part about senior prom was being able to spend it with my closest friends and just being able to have a good time," said senior Natalie Sickles.
9. Students have their pictures taken before leaving for the Grand March.
10. Posing at Coffee Creek, senior Paula Sickles and junior Oscar Romo smile happily.
11. Seniors Jenna Wong, Nicole Tisma, and Myriam Resendiz pose with their dates.
12. At Sand Creek Country Club, students gather for a group picture.



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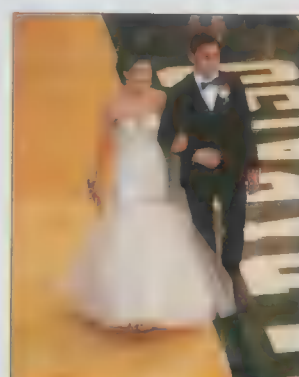
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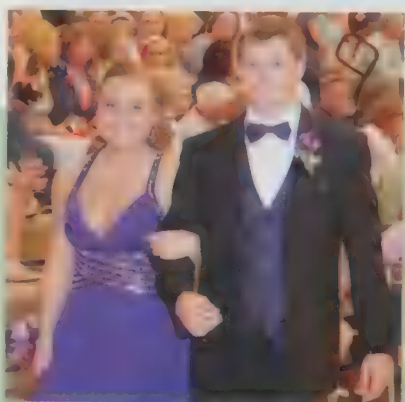
Senior **Ashley Hopkins** and her date make their way to the end of the Grand March. The event was held in the VHS gymnasium.



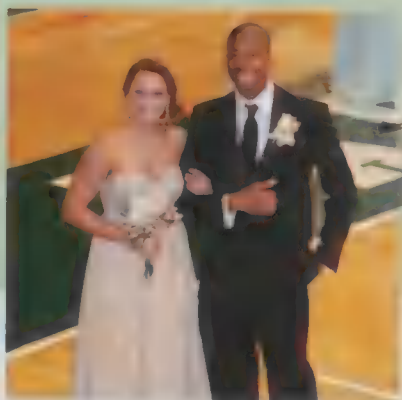
Students wait in line before the Grand March begins. The line stretched the length of the green hallway.



Sophomore **Kayla Turley** is escorted by senior **John Christodoulakis** during the Grand March.



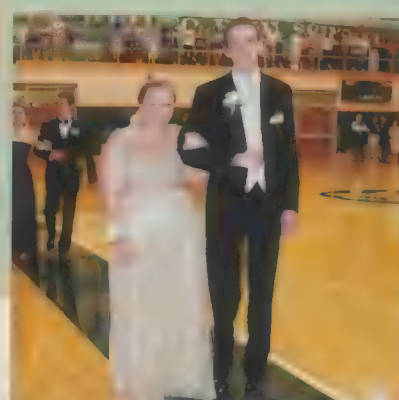
Seniors **Hannah Erwin** and **Lonnie Pappas** pause to have their picture taken by family members and friends.



Junior **John Reid** escorts sophomore **Gabrielle Brown**.

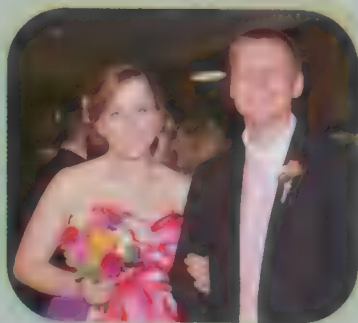


Juniors **Rachel Keller** and **Nathan Bouman** get ready to exit the gym after having their names introduced.

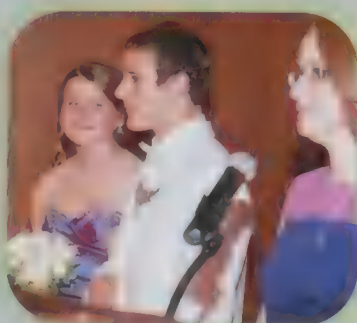


Seniors **Natalie Girman** and **Tyler Smaga** wait to have their names called.

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Junior **Dorian Manion** and senior **Danny Boyes** smile before entering the gymnasium.



Sophomore **Alissa Anselm** and junior **Adam Miller** wait for Mrs. Pagel to announce their names.



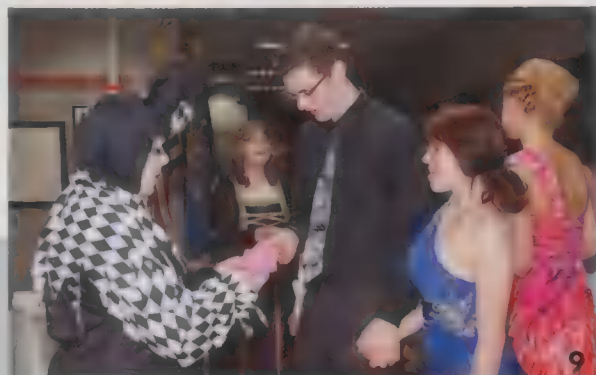
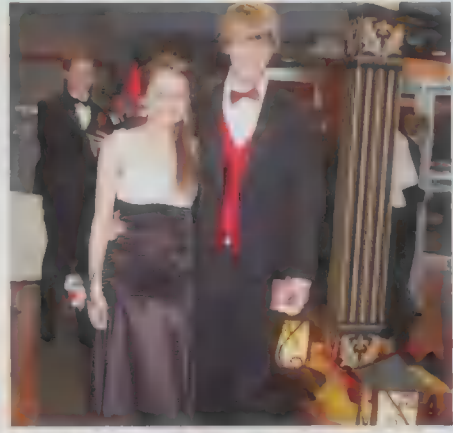
Senior **Victoria Letnich** and her date write their names on a card so they can be read during the Grand March.



Students participate in the Grand March so friends and family can see them dressed up in their prom attire.



1. Juniors **Adriene Shoulders** and **Jacob Cummings** pose for a picture while dancing.
 2. Senior **Peyton Westergren** and her date take a break from dancing at Prom which was held at the Porter County Expo Center.
 3. In order to quench their thirst, senior **Lexie Bluhm** and junior **George Krummel** get some punch at the table.
 4. Junior **Zache Smith** and senior **Mallory Held** walk into the dance after turning in their tickets.
 5. Seniors **Oksana Creech** and **Taylor Knoblock** enjoy the music and dancing at Prom.



6. Seniors **Mindi Reach** and **John Kotynski** take a break from dancing.
 7. Junior **Erin Brown**, senior **Maddisen Brennecke**, junior **Wesley Umbower**, and senior **Hannah White** pose for a picture on the dance floor.
 8. Senior **Tim Meyer** and junior **Blake Biesen** get the photographer's attention.
 9. Prom sponsor **Mrs. Rhonda Yelton** collects tickets from seniors **Kevin Maynard** and **Taylor Post** before they enter the dance.
 10. Juniors **Ali Meyer** and **Andrew Jankowski** enjoy the dance music.
 11. Seniors **Jenna Kilpinen**, **Laura Gruszka** and her date **Sam Johnson**, along with **Jessica Lewis** and **John Halfman** get ready to enter the Expo Center.
 12. Seniors **Brett Odle** and **Luke Davis** lead a group in a circle at the beginning of the dance.



Graduation

Info:

Graduates, family members, as well as staff and faculty gathered on Friday, June 7 to celebrate the one hundred thirty-ninth commencement ceremony of 524 graduates at Valparaiso High School. The event featured student speakers **Tyler** and **Amanda Smaga** as well as retiring teacher **Mr. Dan Pritchett**.

"Graduation marked a significant turning point. Life as we knew it was changing before our eyes. It was nerve-wracking, but I was ready for the challenge. I was sad about leaving some of my friends, whom I saw everyday for years," said senior **Jessalyn Ayers**.

"I was so excited to start college, meet new people, and see things I had never seen before. I loved VHS, but I couldn't wait to graduate!" said senior **Faith Briggs**.



Senior **Amanda Smaga** delivers a heartfelt speech where she shares some of the lessons she learned in high school.

Upon receiving her diploma, senior **Veronica Chevalier** walks off the stage as a VHS graduate.



At the beginning of the ceremony, **Dr. Reid Amones** introduces the Board of Education and the rest of the administration.

Students celebrate after turning of their tassels. **Dr. Reid Amones** presented the Class of 2013 to the president of the school board.



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After accepting her diploma, senior **Kate Spencer** gets her picture taken.



Student speaker **Tyler Smaga** walks up to the stage to begin his "ABCs" of high school speech.



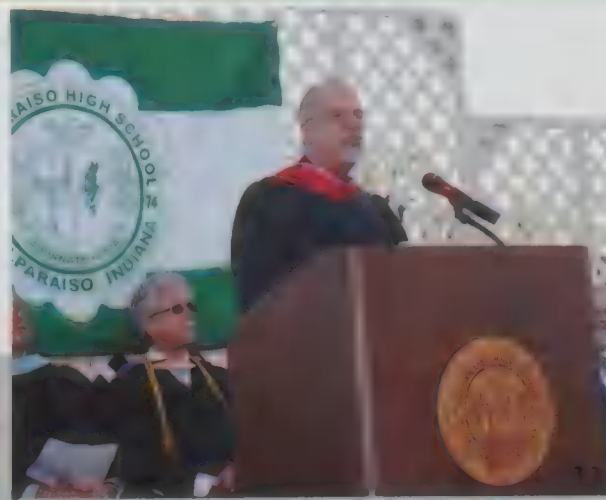
Principal **Dr. Reid Amones** shakes the hand of senior **Kathryn Schoer**.



Students walk to their seats before the ceremony begins.



1. During commencement, "B" Band members play "Pomp and Circumstance" by Elgar. **Mr. Miguel Rosario** was their director.
2. **Mr. Jon Davis** reads the names of students before their diplomas are presented to them.
3. Senior **Jenna Kilpinen** sings an original song about graduation for her fellow graduates.
4. Senior class president **McCaul Sawina** introduces senior speaker **Tyler Smaga**.
5. Senior **Victoria Letnich** officially receives her diploma from her homeroom teacher **Mrs. Pagel** in the VHS fieldhouse.



6. The sun sets as commencement draws to a close at the VHS football field.
7. Senior **Cecilia Thate** accepts her diploma during the commencement ceremony.
8. Seniors **Sarah Simon**, **John Miller**, **Peter Fink**, **Domi Szabo**, and **Gabe Hinding** perform a medley of "The Scientist" by Coldplay and "Kids" by MGMT.
9. Everyone laughs as senior **Tyler Smaga** talks about the long morning announcements.
10. Coming from the fieldhouse, the students make their way to their seats as their friends and families look on from the bleachers.
11. The faculty speaker **Mr. Dan Pritchett** shares some of his memories during his thirty-eight years of teaching.
12. At the end of commencement, graduates proudly make their way to the fieldhouse.

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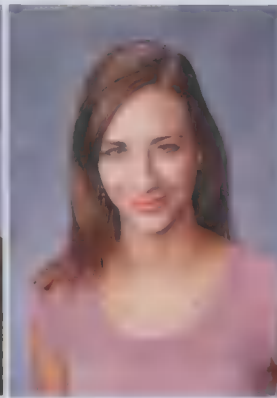
Senior class officers **McCaul Sawina**, **Hannah Kohler**, **Veronica Chevalier**, and **Katie Singer** were busy throughout the entire school year. The girls had various assignments including organizing the senior royalties, selling t-shirts, and making plans for the graduation ceremony. In addition to these activities, they also participated in student council as well.

Kohler took pride in being on student council at Valparaiso High School. "My favorite part was the opportunity to represent VHS at the Student Council State Convention in Indianapolis this fall. It was a chance not only to band as a group but to share ideas with council members from high schools across the state," said **Kohler**.

Furthermore, **Singer** was kept busy by taking on many senior class officer responsibilities. "We did a lot of work on graduation, which became our main focus in the spring," said **Singer**. She focused most of her attention on the students, and did her best to help them. "My favorite part of being a class officer was helping to create a memorable senior year for everyone," said **Singer**.



Left to Right: Veronica Chevalier, Katie Singer, (top) McCaul Sawina, Hannah Kohler



Talia Allah
Eman Akbik
Caroline Albani
Morgan Algosine
Patrick Amis



Patrick Andrie
Albert Aning
Rebecca Arnen
Katherine Austin
Jennifer Ayers



Danielle Backstrom
Vasilios Bakas
Wesley Baker
Alexander Bates
Charles Banks



Jara Banachowski
Adam Bates
Stephanie Baxter
Jerry
Ryan Bednar
Kevin Bergman



Thomas Billings
Soren Bjornstad
Nicole Blankenship
Matthew Blaschke
Lexi Blum

#Culture

Foreign exchange students offered a new cultural experience for VHS students this past school year. Four students traveled to America from Germany, Finland, Africa, and Japan. The opportunity to come to Valparaiso was provided through the Youth for Understanding program and allowed them to stay for an entire school year.

"I wanted to improve my English and get a lot of new experiences," said **Daniela Backstrom**, a student from Espoo, Finland. The desire to speak English fluently was a common goal among the students and one of the major decisions for coming over to the U.S.

While staying in Valparaiso, the students traveled to Chicago with their respective host families to visit the John Hancock building, the Willis Tower, and other exciting spots. They also traveled to see other major cities in the U.S., such as New York and Washington, DC.

One of their favorite things about being in America was the number of their friends that drove and had a car. "I really liked that people were allowed to drive at the age of 16 because sometimes you received a text message and 15 minutes later there is a car in front of your house," said **Alex Schmid**, a student from Baden-Baden, Germany.

Yutaro Noda, a student from Miyagi, Japan, said that his favorite part of America was the food. However, Backstrom expressed her concern that the high school did not provide free meals since, in her home town, a free hot meal was provided every day.

All in all, the opportunity for students to travel to VHS benefited both the student body and the lives of those travelers. Foreign exchange students contributed a key element to the diversity of Valparaiso High School.



Supervisor Alex Schmid, Senior Daniela Backstrom, Sophomore Yutaro Noda

Mary Bullock
Daniel Boyes
Zoe Brasellon
Alexander Bravo
Madison Bremelcke



Faith Briggs
Aaron Brown
Ross Brown
Zachary Buchwalter
Maximilian Buckley



Elliott Derge
Mayenda Dumett
Mansa Gai
Morgan Calvert
Ayaniza Campbell
Nimrod





Kayla Carnahan
Aubrey Carpenter
Eric Cander
Samantha Chusler
Veronica Chevalier



John Christakodakis
Brianna Clayton
Maggie Coates
Taylor Cobs
Marcos Coleman



Daniel Courtney
Alana Cowan
Jocelyn Crawford
Emily Crossner
Charles Crowley



Jayce Cunningham
Patrick Dalton
Angela Darral
Landon Davison
Tyler Deering



Alexis Dejesus
Ryan Delahunty
Christopher Dickens
Alyssa Dillon
Tyler Doane

Kelley Duffell
Khalids El-Naggar
Kristen Eleftheri
Hannah Erwin
Kate Evans



Michael Filippas
Peter Fink
Christopher Florek
Jordan Folke
Amiyah Ford



Iyaniza Ford
Michael Ford
Tiffany Foxbray
Matthew Fredericks
Joshua Fritts



Emily Froelich
Tess Galbiani
Jordan Galligan
Andrew Garup
Alyssa Gates



Caillyn Gear
Curtis Gear
Niley George
William Gillard
Natalie Gorman





Christopher Glenn
Elizabeth Gold
Francisco Gonzalez
Abigail Good
Mary Gooding

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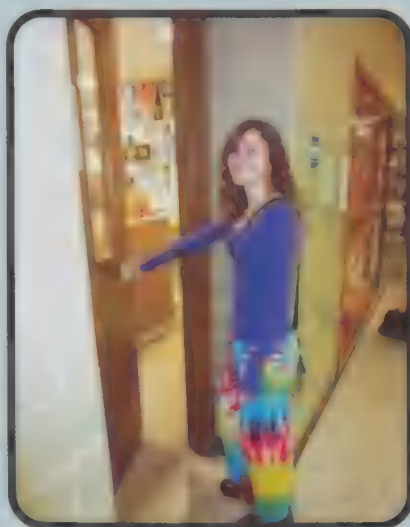
Although high school consumed a great deal of student time seniors spent a large portion of the school year planning for their futures after graduation. This was a huge decision that no one took lightly. One might even say that it was the most important

decision of a person's life. Some students chose college while others decided to go to work immediately. Some students choose to attend an Ivy League school while others selected a Big Ten university. Senior **Kaylee Mathis** had big dreams for her future. Although unsure of where she wanted to attend college she had dreams of going across the country.

"If I could I would go to school in California. The lifestyle out there just seemed so laid back and comfortable. If I studied in Cali I would go to the beach everyday" said **Mathis**.

Other students such as senior **Alexias DeJesus** planned on staying closer to home. "My dream school would be Ball State. It was not too far away and the campus was gorgeous. It had everything I would ever need in a college and I heard it was a good school to go to if you were undecided in your major like I am," said **DeJesus**.

There were many options that one could take in reaching his or her career goals after high school. The Valparaiso High School Guidance office offered students resources as well as counselors for advice and direction.



Senior Kaylee Mathis

#Election

The 2012 election pitted Republican Mitt Romney against President Barack Obama. Many Valparaíso seniors were happy to be part of the democratic process by casting their votes as first time voters. For many seniors eligible to vote, it was also a rite of passage into adulthood and they intended to make their voices heard.

Senior **Stephanie Baxter-Ivey** looked forward to casting her ballot. "I planned on putting my opinion in the election."

Valparaíso High School senior **Natalie Girman** also had the privilege to vote in the 2012 election. "I was able to and I felt like it was a duty. The election will have an affect on our generation for the next ten years," Girman said.

Some members of the senior class were unable to vote because they were not old enough yet and missed the deadline by a few months. "I was unable to vote because I turn 18 in April. But, I wish I was able to because I wish I could have been a part of history," said senior **Faith Briggs**.

Many seniors watched history come alive once again as President Barack Obama was relected president.



Savannah Hampton
Austin Handley
Alexandria Hanson
Brauna Hanson
Marna Harding



Elysa Hebert
Malory Held
Olaf Herndal
Carmen Henderson
Paul Henderson



Taylor Hinkley
Gabriel Hinding
Elisa Hoffmann
Kenneth Hollford
Jeffrey Holmes





Ashley Hopkins
Elyse Herb
Heather Hoskins
Joshua Hoskins
Kiaffer Howe

Jack Hutha
Amanda Hurley
Sarah Jackovich
Robert Jacobs
Alyssa Jeske

Alex Johnson
Adam Jones
Alyssa Jones
Alex Judy
Andrew Kalms

Sebastian Kalwer
Nicholas Kalafatis
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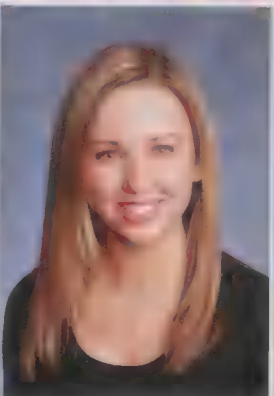
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Nolan Klein



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Margaret Klinge
Jenelle Klump
Maxwell Koschlar
Nicole Koshin



Cameron Koenig
Hannah Kohler
Jacob Kollasch
Erinna Kohnert
Michelle Korfarski



Jeremy Koszratka
Shaiby Koszut
John Kotynski
Ashley Kook
Alexandra Kradie



Emma Kurl
George Kurlz
Joseph Kulkoski
Tarah Lasky
Olivia Lawson





Ethan Lehn
Ryan Lake
Garth Lythard
Victoria Letnich
Jessica Lewis



Vanyan Liu
Jose Lopez
Rene Loxton
Tyler Lutzinski
Andrew Lyp



Joel Madrigal
Damesha Magee
Anthony Majewski
Tucker Manning
Joshua Marciniak



Dick Marischen
Amber Mathews
Kaylee Mathis
Hannah Mayer
Kevin Maynard



Brandon McFadden
Timothy Mclean
Marco Medina
Kyle Melhofer
Bret Maltos

Mark Mamed
Ava Meyer
Timothy Meyer
Zachary Meyer
Nathan Mika



Andrew Miles
Jake Miller
John Miller
Samantha Miles
Vincent Milton



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Hannah Musgraves
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Zachary Nordorf



#Profile

Active It was an appropriate adjective to describe VHS senior Jordan Galligan. He was a member of the cross country team, FAD, NHS Path Inc, ASAP, Natural Helpers, and track as well as part of the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference. While participating in all of these extracurricular activities he also had a job at Schoops.

Galligan started running cross country his freshman year. "I was convinced by Coach Prow and my friend Peyton Reed. It was ironic because the only reason I was running was to get in shape for basketball, which I quit at the beginning of my sophomore year," said Galligan. The cross country team had a great season as they went all the way to state and placed third. Cross country was more than just a sport to Galligan, it was his passion. Cross Country was one of the few sports where you're pinned against your toughest enemy: yourself. It pushed your body to the limit, to pain thresholds that you didn't know were possible. It was a great feeling being in the best shape of my life, being able to run 13 miles or more whenever I wanted. It was a lifestyle," said Galligan.

Galligan was very serious when it came to his studies, with all these extracurricular activities and a job, he still maintained very good grades. After high school, Galligan planned to attend either Butler, Xavier, or Saint Louis. He wanted to major in sports marketing/management, communications, or public relations.

"I can't wait for the future," said Galligan.



Thurston Norman
Emily Novello
Brittany Oaks
Madison Olsen
Fernando Ortiz

Lukas Paavola
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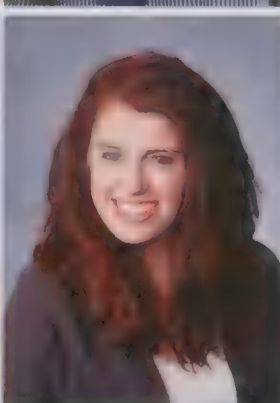
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Taylor Post
Kathleen Prablanc
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Tyler Puscedenica
Kyle Rafferty
Monica Ramos



Hannah Rischke
Melinda Reach
Claire Reed
Patrick Reilly
Maxfield Reinhardt





Adriano Reis
Cara Reyes
Kamryn Rhein
Elise Riddell
Devin Roach



Drew Robinson
Mary Roeker
Vincent Rudd
Paul Runyan
Joseph Russell



Jose Santiago
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Andi Sarkisian
Austin Sasse
McCauley Sawina



Emily Scarsella
Carl Schenck
Claire Scherschiel
Nicholas Schiller
Kathryn Schoer



Kelsie Schutz
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Zachary Schwartz
Sabrina Schwei
Heather Scott

Neha Sahgal
Weston Sharp
Alexandra Shelton
Mayer Shirley
Natalie Sickles



Paula Slakes
Muhammad Siddiqui
Elizabeth Silhavy
Brittani Sims
Jordan Simmons



Stephen Simola
Jonah Simon
Megan Simon
Sarah Simon
Katherine Singer



Amanda Smaga
Tyler Smaga
Andrew Smith
Jace Smolar
Alexander Snyers



Cameron Snapp
Spencer Sovich
Katelyn Spencer
Trevor Stilbaum
Hanna Stinders





Timothy Standiford
Kaitlyn Steffus
Zachary Steiner
Russell Stewart
Rachel Stinnett



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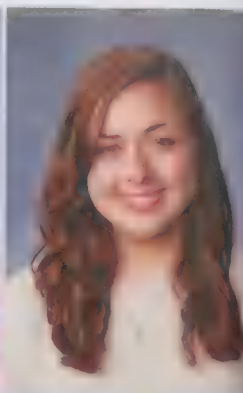


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 Victoria Vargas
 Marissa Villareal
 Mariana Viloria



Barbara Vincol
 Gabriella Vinyard
 Andrea Violanti
 Gretchen Wagner
 Tyler Ward



Rebecca Wall
 Daniella Weiler
 Tess Weismann
 Brandon Welch
 Tyler Wendt



Peyton Westergren
 Michaela Wheel
 Hannah White
 Tyler White
 Miranda Wieske



Rich Wilkerson
 Broderick Wilson
 Andrew Wireman
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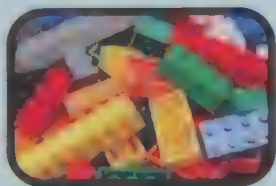
-Computer

-Razors



-CDs/Cassette tapes

-VHS tapes



-MySpace

-Legos, coloring books, dolls

-Bellbottom jeans



#Now

-Laptop

-iPhones



-iPods/Mp3's

-Redbox/Netflix



-Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

-Wii, Xbox 360, PS3



-Skinny jeans

Society has gone through many changes in the last ten years especially in the areas of technology and social networking habits. From computers to laptops, to the old Razor phones to the new iPhone, technological advances especially with cell phones have changed the way we communicate with one another.

Communicating via social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram have gained popularity in not just use for personal communication but in for marketing reasons as well.

Senior Royalties



#Biggest Flirt

Stephen Simms
Ben A. Kerson
Wayanda Burnett

Emily Crosmer
Mar. Baber
Taylor East

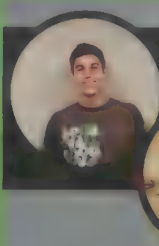


#Most Likely to
Never Return
to Valpo

Weston Sharp
Hunter Pruitt
Cody Zander



Tarah Lasky
Alex Kalasountas
Kara Evans

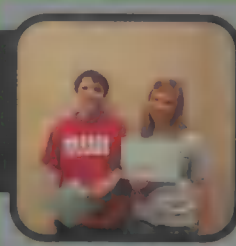


#Best Smile

Jordan Galligan
Peter Fink
Tyler Doane



Amanda Smaga
Jolene Vincal
Jenell Numbie



#Most Likely to
Survive a Zombie
Apocalypse

Dugan Polizotto
Mark Nall
Patrick Bony

Emily Keaton
Elyse Harb
Eisa Hoffmann



#Best Dressed

Louis Lopez
Fernando Ortiz
Tim Meyer



Sabrina Pierotti
Jenna Wong
Tess Weisman



#Drama King/
Drama Queen

Max Reinhart
Jeff Holmes
John Kotynski



Ali Mogk
Kavree Pullins
Taylor Post



#Awesome Artist

Max Reinhart
Drew Robinson
Tucker Jarroll



Natalie Wirsing
McCaull Sawina
Heather Hoskins



#Class Clown

Xavier Bergner
Tim Meyer
Tyler Smaga

Andi Sarkisian
Al Mogk
Nicole Koehn

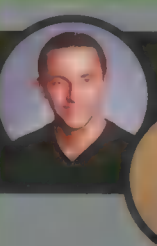


#Most Likely to
Brighten
Someone's Day

Tyler Smaga
Andrew Miles
Russell Stewart



Brenna Lill
Caitlyn Gear
Amanda Smaga



#Best Car

Michael Filipidis
Trevor Heneka
Antonio Rojas



Bailey Swan
Victoria Letnich
Alyssa Gates



#Amazing
Athlete

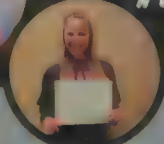
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Morgan Algozine



#Best Hair

Connor Ahearn
Beck Marischen
Matt Schend

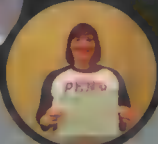


Collette Pfledderer
Michaela Wheat
Jessica Lewis



#Best Musical
Talent

John Miller
Kevin Maynard
John Kotynski



Tess Galbiati
Sarah Simon
Laura Gruszka



#Most Memorable Laugh

Zad Nondorf
Tim Standiford
Brian Jenner

Alana Cowan
Caroline Albers
Victoria Harvey



#Most Involved

Peter Fink
Bihao Zhang
Jordan Davison



McCaul Dawina
Veronica Chevalier
Lara Hahn



#Biggest Hipster

Drew Robinson
John Mosser
Fernando Ortiz



Jenna Wong
Bailey Swan
Sam Prevost



#Best Bromance/ Friends Forever



Hadley Kalin & Hannah Duncan

Rich Wilkerson & Kevin Maynard



#Most Likely to Sleep Through an Earthquake

Jack Hreha
Cody Pevor
Trevor Heneka

Gretchen Wagner
Stephanie Baxter-Ivey
Brianna Konrad



#Worst Driver

Dan Courtney
Chris Dickens
Max Buckley



Cydney Young
Veronica Chevalier
Allison Tunstall



#Worst Senioritis



Chad Gelinas
Charles Baidazo
Rene Lozano

Andrea Violanti
Tess Weisman
Taylor Scherer



#Cutest Couple

Matt Fredericks & Emily Novello
Ryan Bednar & Alyssa Jones
CJ Gear & Jenelle Klumpe



#Most Likely to Date a Celebrity

Brody Wilson
Ben Kalisch
Patrick Ananie

Emily Keaton
Carmen Henderson
Hannah White



#Most Likely to Take Over the World



Soren Bjornstad
Dugan Polizotto
Tim McClean

Jacqui Peterschmidt
Emma Kurt
Gabe Hinding



#Biggest Suck-Up

Landon Davison
Bihao Zhang
Jordan Galligan

Cydney Young
Hanna Standerski
Kara Evans



#Perfect Couple that Never Dated

Lonnie Pappas & Hannah Erwin
Luke Davis & Elyse Horb



#Most Likely to Succeed

Ben Kalisch
Soren Bjornstad
Zach Schwartz

Emma Kurt
Neha Sehgal
Sarah Simon



#Most Likely to Show Up Late for Graduation



Tyler Costas
Xavier Bergner
Aneeb Mohideen

Candace Watters
Courtney Turner
Savannah Hampton



#Most Likely to be Struck by Lightning



Alec Judy
John Mosser
Andy Kahrs

Courtney Turner
Madison Olsen
Allison Tunstall

JUNIOR



#JuniorOfficers

The junior class officers were president **Samantha Yaros**, vice president **Chandler Nielsen**, treasurer **Kelly Kennedy**, and secretary **Rachel Willing**.

Yaros was chair of the homecoming committee. She helped count ballots for spirit week, homecoming queen nominations, and the queen ballots. In addition, she was also in charge of the parade and pep rally, teacher homecoming, and the crowning of the queen and president. **Yaros** was also the YES (You're Extra Special) committee chair and decorated teacher's rooms.

"The most challenging part of junior year responsibilities were the extra responsibilities I had acquired this year including Homecoming chair, YES committee chair, PCLC (Porter County Leadership Conference) leader," said **Yaros**.

Willing helped with the junior float for the homecoming parade and they used her trailer bed to decorate. The junior class student council members also planned and decorated for prom. "My favorite memories from junior year

were building the homecoming float, meeting new people, and just enjoying being a junior," said secretary **Willing**.

Kennedy's most enjoyable part of junior year included making the junior class float. Prom was the toughest part of junior year responsibilities because it included a lot of hard work and planning.

"My favorite things about being involved with Student Council were our fun meetings and the eighth grade leadership conference," said treasurer **Kennedy**.



Left to Right: Chandler Nielsen, Samantha Yaros, Kelly Kennedy, Rachel Willing





Joshua Abadie
Stephaine Aguiar
Claudia Airey
Corey Alfredson
Laena Aljabali
Amalaeza Allari
Joseph Anderson
Travis Anderson

Jack Andrie
Andrew Antonetti
Madeline Arnold
Jewani Attallah
Daniel Azar
Paul Baggott
Aubrey Baker
Samuel Baker

Anand Balar
Brandon Balingit
Kyle Balmer
Samantha Banks
Magdalena Barajas
Caroline Barroues
Arlette Barnes
Kaitlin Barton

Matthew Battista
Madison Beckman
Anna Beischer
Audrey Belandier
Michael Benedetti
Jordan Bendoski
Ariana Beres
Natalie Bertalan

Taylor Bezotte
Nathan Biancardi
Elizabeth Bianco
Blake Biesen
Ethan Biggs
Kylie Bishop
Isabella Bisone
Kelly Bledsoe

Michael Blessing
Natalie Bleza
Gabrielle Block
Anna Bloom
Serena Blunk
Tyler Bohacik
Magdalena Bonilla
Autora Bonner

Troy Bothick
Jacob Bouts
Nathaniel Bouman
Lauten Boxes
Alana Boxnak
Mitchell Breakley
Kelsey Brewer
Steten Brewer

Christopher Brosky
Erin Brown
Greer Brown
Shawn Brown
Clayton Burton
Dennis Cagen
Yasmin Carrillo
Jake Catanello

Jaeson Chang
Jacob Chapman
Mattison Chavitz
Scott Chmurszewski
Therese Christos
Alexander Chronis
Sydney Clark
Joshua Cleveland

Tyler Cline
Kelsey Clines
Stephanie Clonnet
Kaitan Collier
Collette Collins
Rachael Combs
Precious Conrad
Hunter Coplan



Dakota Coresman
Nathan Cornett
Charlotte Coto
John Foulapoulos
Conor Cox
Nathaniel Cox
Makayla Coyle
Noah Crafton



Amanda Cruz
Jacob Cummings
Reid Curry
Caitlyn D'Ella
Kyle Dahlgren
Devon Dally
Shannon Dancho
Mark Davidson



Kristina Davison
Caleb Dawson
Melissa DeGuzde
Vanessa Delgado
Cassandra Dettman
Allyssa Desprey
Connor Devine
Matthew Dick



Eriston Dommon
Lauren Donnell
Madeleine Douglas
Alison Dreier
Harley Dubsky
Daniel Dull
Erica Ellis
Joseph Ellison



Nathan Enloe
Gigi Esparza
Noelle Eveland
Mercedes Earias
Dustin Ferguson
Makena Fetch
Brendan Finnegan
Andrew Emley



#Twitter

1. How many Tweets do you tweet?

- a. Less than 1000
- b. 1000-2500
- c. 3,000-5,000
- d. 5,000 plus

2. How much do you Tweet on a daily basis?

- a. Daily, never
- b. 10 times
- c. A few times
- d. More than 10 times

3. Who follows you?

- a. No one
- b. A few close friends
- c. A lot of people from school
- d. People from school, friends, and strangers

4. How many followers do you have?

- a. 0
- b. 1-50
- c. 50-100
- d. 100 plus

5. How often do you use Twitter?

- a. Never
- b. Occasionally
- c. When I find it necessary
- d. In all of my tweets

6. When do you use Twitter?

- a. Almost never
- b. When a friend tweets me
- c. When I'm on my computer
- d. I have an app on my phone already

Mostly A's. You're a Twitter newbie. Right now, you are in the safe zone and you are not even close to being addicted. You could keep up your Twitter game but it is probably best if you don't.

Mostly B's. You are just past the beginner stage. You have probably had Twitter for a week or so because one of your friends made you get an account. You're slowly getting into it.

Mostly C's. You're on your way to becoming addicted. Watch out! You use Twitter when necessary but sometimes just out of habit. You're really here to have fun with the rest of your peers.

Mostly D's. Congratulations, you're a professional Tweeter. You're most likely addicted, and you can't be stopped. You might even be on your way to becoming a Twitter celebrity.



Andrew Fletcher
Nathaniel Florio
Jared Folke
Aaron Fonseca
Matthew Ford
Trent Fortson
Cole Fraire
Devenne Franklin

Peyton Freestone
Zoe Fromm
Samantha Gabrish
Shelby Gauthier
Chris Galanos-Olsen
Patrick Gallagher
Jordan Gallardo
Michael Gallinatti

Chris Gatto
Kelly Garbudas
Mariana Garcia-Alvarez
Cheyenne Garbow
Daxson Gartin
Nathan Gassler
Mckenzie Gaudich
Joannah Gentile

Lauren Georgeff
Sariah Germain
Steven Gerry
Morgan Gilliland
Darius Ginn
Ellen Gottlieb
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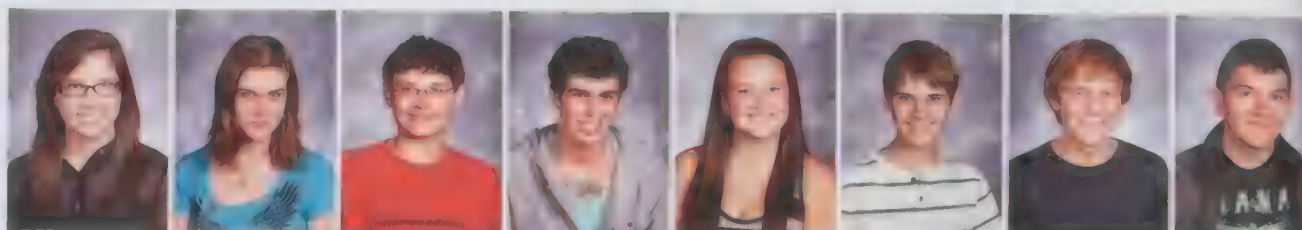
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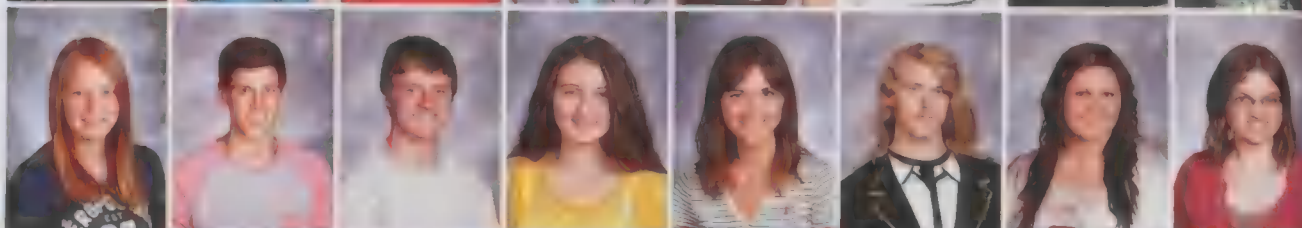
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Samantha Holland
Elizabeth Horan
Madeline Hoth
Alexandra Houser

Samantha Howanice
Brenna Howe
Matthew Hoyert
Austin Huppmann
Kaitlyn Ingram
Erick Janesheski
Andrew Jankowski
Jonah Jaramillo



Georgina Jarratt
Collin Jenkins
Mark Johnson
Jasmine Joselyn
Helen Kafafas
Aidan Kaiser
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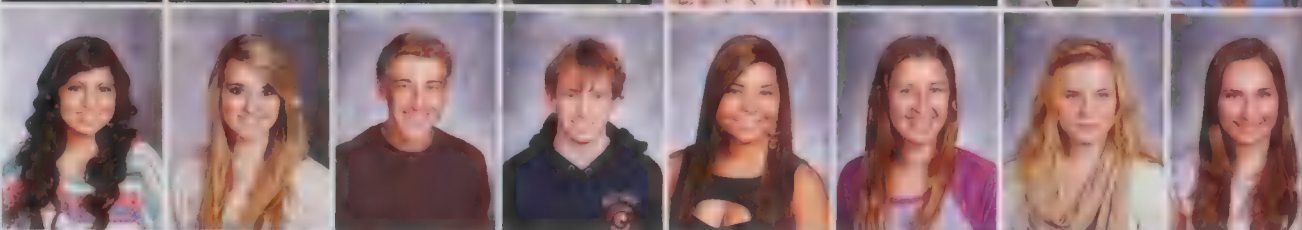
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Corinne Lemarie
Kimberly Lenker
Natalie Lichtenberger



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Angele Madrigal
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Austin Malayer
Kevin Mangel



Dorian Mantion
Briana Marchetti
Maximilian Marchetti
Joan Martelino
Malia Martin
Amy Martin
Madison Martin
Eli Martin-Eberhardt



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Louis Matisko
Andrew Matney
Kenneth Mauer
Daniel May
Annah Mayberry
Ryan McBride
Nathan Mcchesney





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Alison Mexas
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Cade Miller

David Miller
Kyle Miller
Kathryn Minko
Katherine Monterosso
Mayorga
Patrick Moore
Timothy Monlock
Charity Murre
Emily Niggatz

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Bryce Novak
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Devin O'Connell
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Morgan Pugel
Victoria Pittman
Courtney Platt
Kevin Platt
Lauren Platt
Amanda Plotz

#Lockers

Lockers in Valparaiso High School were useful for storing everyday items such as jackets, books, pens, etc. However, some students hid items in their lockers that were unique. So, what were some of the weirdest items VHS students hid?

Senior Cameron Springs said that he kept a plastic model of a skull in his locker. Springs enjoyed studying anatomy and he used his plastic skull to study the human head.

"A lake and a basketball hoop with flames," was senior John Mosser's response to the question. Mosser was on the basketball team and enjoyed practicing his skills when he had free time.

As a cross country runner, senior Peyton Reed was very busy. With practice before and after school and runs on the weekends he didn't have much time to spare. For this reason, Reed still had an old cross country jacket in his locker because he simply hadn't had the time to clean it out. Being so busy, he said it was the last thing he thought about, so it stayed in his locker until he found the time.

The items in our lockers reflected who we were and what we were interested in. Many of us kept very odd things in our lockers that we wouldn't necessarily bring home. What was the weirdest thing in your locker?

Nikola Pniak
Hannah Podell
Clayton Poore
Jeremy Post
Nicholas Pruitt
Francesca Pupillo
Shannon Purves
Abigail Ramirez



Michael Rastovic
August Reed
Lilly Reed
Jeremiah Reeves
John Reid
Lauren Reineke
Paola Resendiz-Rivera
Patrick Riggle



Connor Ritzi
Steven Robb
Julia Roberts
Jessica Rodriguez
Donald Roganovich
Oscar Romo
Ricardo Rosario
Hoover
Anthony Rosentrater



Daniel Roth
Christian Rouse
Triston Rouse
Shelby Sadler
Kyle Salomon
Adam Sandberg
Quinn Sandelski
Austin Sanders



Matthew Searsella
Hannah Scheibel
Ryder Schenek
Elizabeth Schlichting
Nicholas Schmidt
Cheyanne Schroeder
Courtney Schuteman
Carson Schwartz



Nathan Schwartz
Erik Schwedland
Geoffrey Schwertfeger
Ashley Seigh
Emily Seida
Brooke Sever
Laura Sheldon
Kayla Sherlock



Alexandra Shideler
Adam Shoemaker
Adriene Shoulders
Jasmine Silva
Kyle Sissell
Madison Sloan
Ashley Smith
Courtney Smith



Grady Zachary Smith
Nathan Smith
Paige Smith
Haley Sorrells
Jake Southwell
Sarah Speckhard
Haden Staab
Shirantha Stanislaus



Anna Staub
Steven Stricklin
Kaitlyn Sullivan
Savanna Sullivan
Brendan Sutherland
Derrick Suttles
Zachary Sutton
Sabrina Swart





Andrew Sykes
Melissa Szmaga
Ashley Taber
Bryan Taylor
Rachael Thornton
Evan Thorstad
Steven Thurman
Yen Tieu

Jordan Tikalsky
Joel Timmons
Joseph Fung
Eduardo Tobon
Kevin Topmatt
Austin Tooley
Mackenzie Trott
Cory Trueblood

Alexis Truitt
Austin Trzepacz
Steven Tsaparikos
Mallie Tullis
Grace Tullish
Wesley Umbower
Mayra Valle
Bennett Van
Scheuwen

Andrew Vecchi
Savannah Velez
Kristina Veloske
Autumn Venekamp
Valerie Vidazian
Katerina Vincent
Andrew Warren
Bria Walker

De'Sare Walker
Anna Walls
Thomas Walsh
Jasmine Warren
Elizabeth Wehren
Kelli West
Marissa Weston
Gavin White

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Neil Whittfield
Madison Whittle
John Wiergacz
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Mitchel Wiles

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Peter Williams
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Samantha Witty
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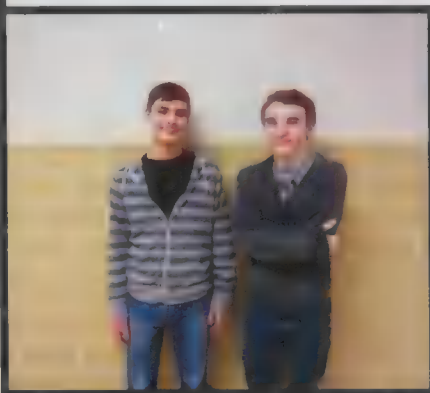
#SophomoreOfficers

The sophomore class was led by President **Ian Norris**, Vice President **Kurt Kohler**, Secretary **Kathryn Bower**, and Treasurer **Daniel Barajas**. These students were selected by their peers to represent the sophomore class.

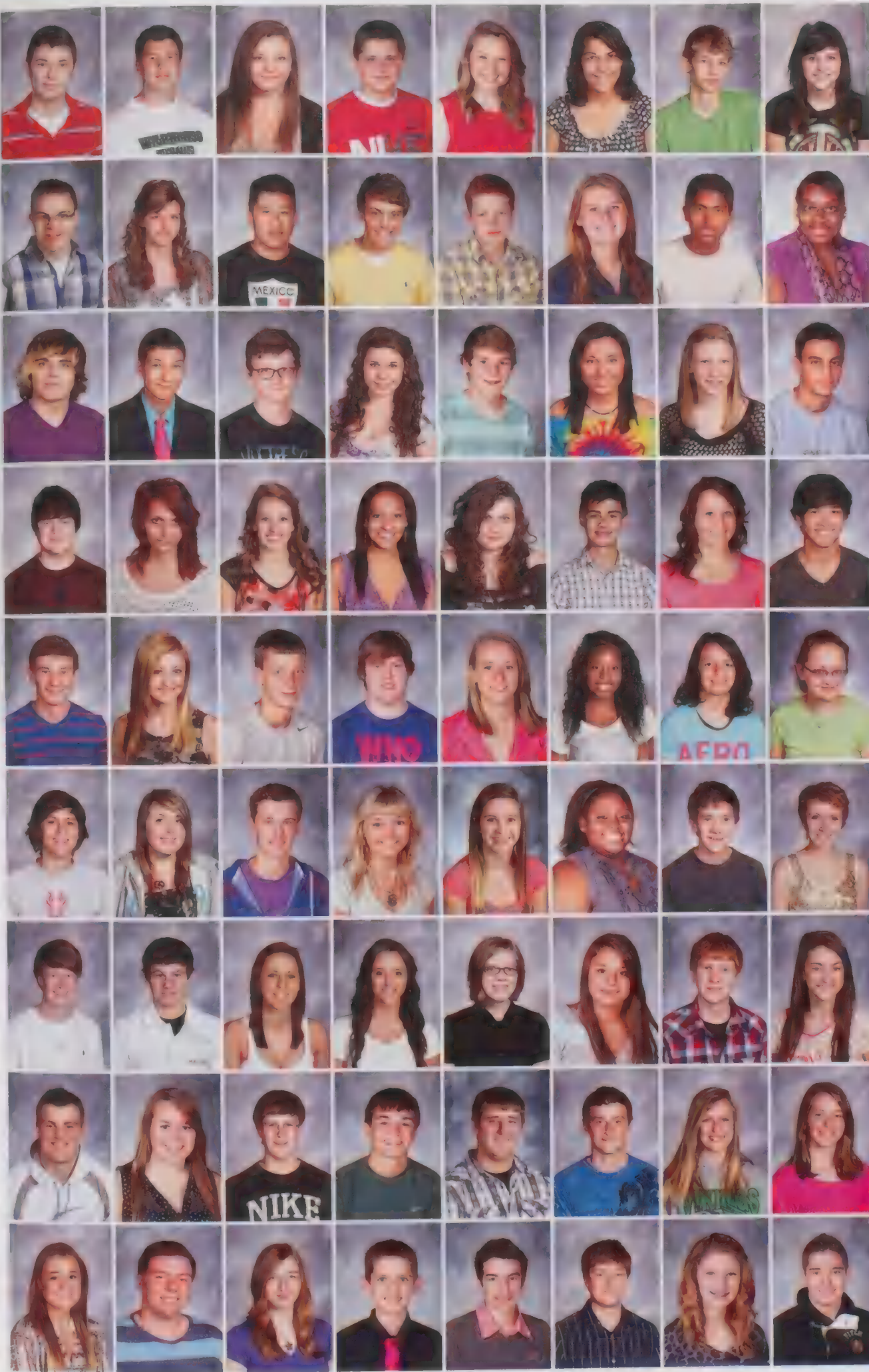
"I wanted to make a difference in the sophomore class this year and be involved more in Student Council," said **Bower**.

The Student Council was involved in many activities during the school year. "My favorite activity was Homecoming. Student Council worked as a group and planned the pep rally while individual classes and clubs planned and rode on the floats," said **Kohler**.

No matter what activity, plan or meeting, the students were taking part in, all the sophomore officers agreed that representing their class in Student Council was a fun and enjoyable experience for them to be a part of.



Left to Right: Daniel Barajas, Ian Norris, Kathryn Bower, Kurt Kohler



Douglas Abraham
Maximillian Abraham
Brianna Adair
Cofin Ahearn
Emily Ahrendt
Samaah Al-Najjar
Michael Albers
Madelyn Altfredson

Curtis Allen
Amber Allums
Santamio Alvarez
Garcia
Oliver Ames
Jacob Andersen
Alissa Anselm
Jose Apolo
Davison Applewhite

Nathan Archalo
Austin Arias
Fox Arnold
Hadlee Atkins
Alexander August
Emily August
Katelyn Axers
Patrick Azar

Franklin Baker
Svdney Balcerak
Emily Ball
Timmyka Ballard
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Erica Balmer
Daniel Barajas
Alexis Barnes
Dustin Barnett

Bryce Bartolomeo
Abigail Barton
Drake Barton
Evan Bauer
Sarah Berscher
Kayla Benford
Gabriele Bengs
Kathryn Berger

Guy Bernhardt
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Michael Bezotte
Lauren Biesen
Kelly Bigger
Katelyn Bishop-Smith
Kyle Blakeley
Madeline Blaney

Robert Blauner
Daniel Blessing
Victoria Blossom
Stephanie Bohn
Jaime Bollinger
Kaitlyn Bond
Nathan Bongard
Kaitlyn Bontrager

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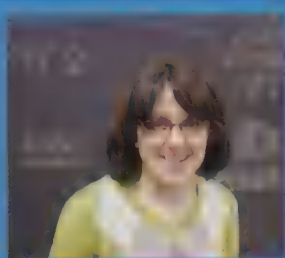
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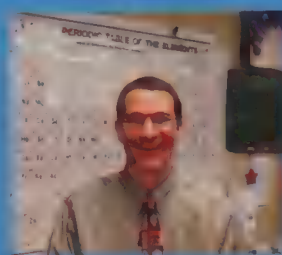
Four teachers from different departments around VHS were surveyed about their lives outside of school. Many times, when students think of a teacher, they do not picture them having a life outside of school. This survey showed that teachers, while devoting their lives to education, often have interests and responsibilities outside the classroom.

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Answer: 1. Spend time with family, 2. Read, 3. Exercise, 4. Spend time with friends.
Q: How often do you go to the movies?
A: 1. Always, 2. Often, 3. Sometimes, 4. Never.
Q: Do you go out to dinner or drink at home more often?
A: 1. At home.



Mrs. Sparks

Mr. Polizotto



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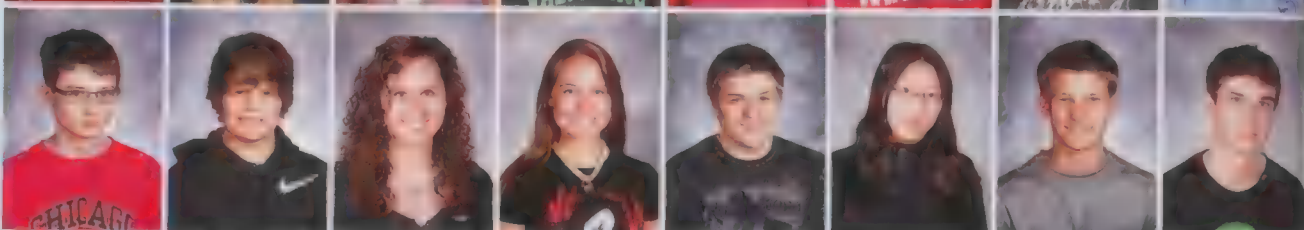
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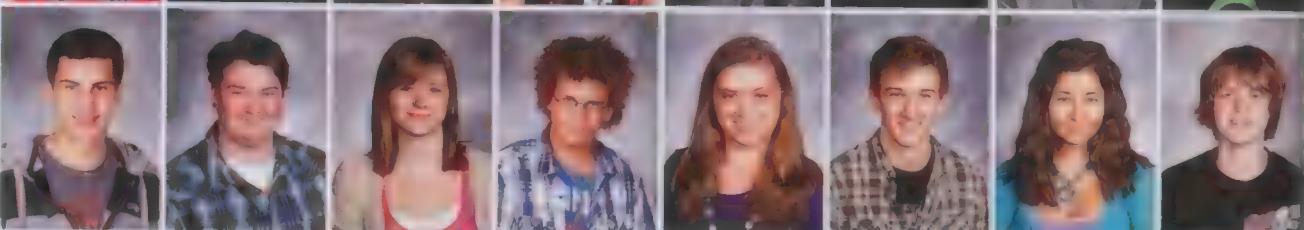
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#International

Involved It was a word that could certainly be used to describe VHS sophomore **Sofia Grimsgard**. During her two years in high school, she had participated in many clubs and school activities such as speech and debate, French club, student council, tennis, orchestra, and LEAD. "It was hard to balance, but I managed. I could not imagine coming home after school with nothing to do," said Grimsgard.

Along with the various school activities, Grimsgard took part in many out of school activities as well. For example, she posed for many pictures for the HOP modeling agency that she was a part of. She hoped that her modeling would help her receive extra money to put towards her college fund. "I went to Chicago for a few open calls. I wasn't expecting anything; it just kind of all came together," said Grimsgard.

Despite the time commitments required by her many activities, she still managed to add more to her busy schedule. During the first semester of her junior year in high school, Grimsgard hoped to study overseas in Norway. Her future plans included being a foreign exchange student while going to a school in Oslo, Norway during the first half of the semester next year. "It would definitely be a challenge to be away for an entire semester, but it would be so worth it," said Grimsgard about her long-awaited trip.





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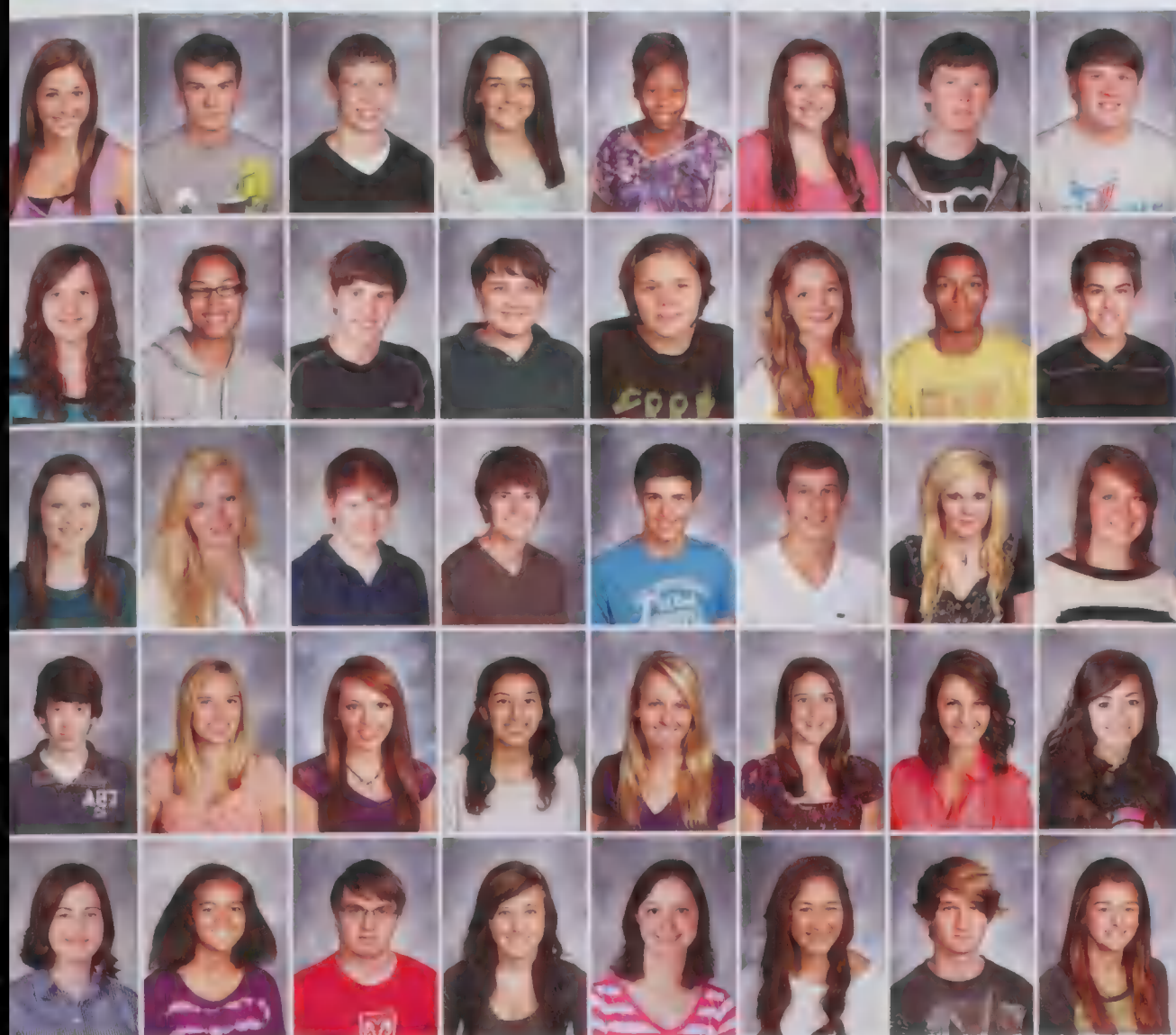


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Emily Singer
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Alex Smith

#Organized

1. Do you bring all your materials to class?
 - a. Yes, I'm always the student with extra pencils.
 - b. Mostly, I may forget my notebook some days.
 - c. Not really, I leave my textbook in my locker a lot.
 - d. No, my teachers are always getting on me to remember my things.
2. What are your grades like?
 - a. All A's
 - b. Mostly A's with a few B's
 - c. B's and C's
 - d. D's and F's
3. How often do you forget your homework?
 - a. Never
 - b. A few times a year
 - c. Maybe several times a month
 - d. Once a week or more

4. How long do you do homework for?
 - a. A few hours
 - b. Usually around two hours
 - c. An hour or less
 - d. What's homework?
5. Do your teachers ever ask for your help?
 - a. Yes, they can rely on me to do something they can't at the time.
 - b. Sometimes, when it's necessary.
 - c. Maybe once
 - d. Never

6. Can students rely on you for help?
 - a. Always! I can answer all their questions.
 - b. Usually, it depends on the class.
 - c. Maybe as a last resort
 - d. No way
7. How many tardies do you have?
 - a. Zero
 - b. One or two
 - c. Three...I just got my detention.
 - d. I am always late.

Mostly A's You are definitely an organized student! You're always on time for your classes and your teachers love you for it. You are on top of your game and an excellent student.

Mostly B's You are a pretty good student, you slip up a few times but that is okay. If you put in little bit more effort you could be totally organized.

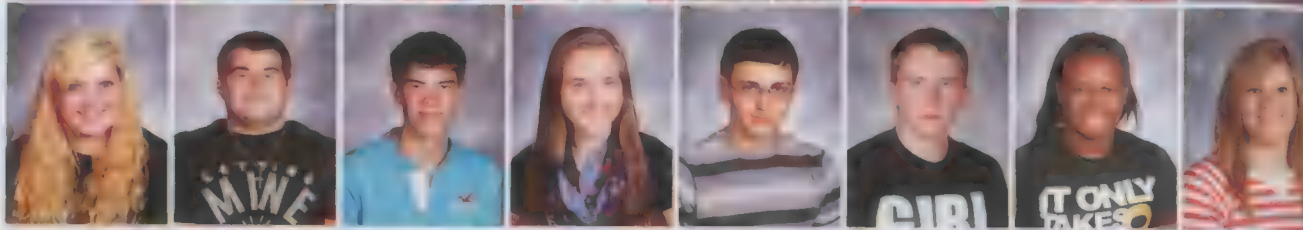
Mostly C's You are an average student. You usually remember what you need to do but you forget a lot of things. You could try working a lot harder.

Mostly D's You are not very organized at all. You forget homework a lot and you put no effort into your schoolwork. If you want to be successful, you should try to work a lot harder.

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Rachel Smith
Dominic Snemis
Alexander Spiess
Noah Stamper
Kyle Staples
Peter Stark
Justin Starns



Steffy Stenerson
Jacob Stewart
Logan Stewart
Tina Stussak
Anthony Stout
Randall Stratus
Justin Straughter
Riley Sunday



Ian Suttles
Austin Taber
Brendan Tanner
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Sarah Taulbee
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Mallory Thomas



Allison Thome
Holly Thompson
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Maissa Toren



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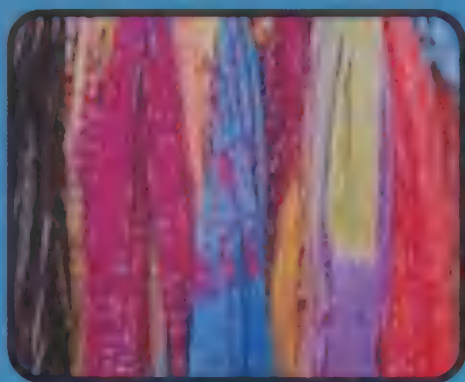
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#Fashion

The World English Dictionary defined a *fashionista* as "a person who followed trends in the fashion industry obsessively while striving to continually adopt the latest fashions." At Valparaiso High School, some students were devoted to keeping up with the latest fashion trends in order to look their best.

VHS senior **Alanna Mogck**'s favorite fashion trend of the year was the colored jeans. "I loved going to the mall and just loading up on every color of jeans they had! That way, my outfits could always match!" Her favorite place to buy the colored jeans were either Delia's or American Eagle Outfitters.



However, VHS senior **Maggie Coates**

disagreed with colored jeans being the top trend and voted for ombre hair. "I loved ombre hair because I have always wanted some blonde in my hair. However, since I have naturally dark hair it gave me the chance to spice things up," Coates said. Her enthusiastic view on multi-colored hair was shared among other girls at school.

When students from VHS took a yearbook survey on their favorite fashion trends, most students put ombre hair as their favorite trend; however, colored jeans and high waisted shorts came in a close second and third place.

Other popular fashion trends included boots in the winter as well as scarfs which proved to be a popular fashion accessory.





#FreshmenOfficers

Representing the freshmen class for the 2012-2013 school year were President **Olivia Murray**, Vice President **Isaiah Smith**, Secretary **Adrienne Lineback**, and Treasurer **Kennedy Pony**.

President **Murray** enjoyed being a class officer because she liked getting people motivated for spirit days. "I decided to become a class officer because I felt I had good communication and social skills to make my class the best it could be with input from all my classmates," said **Murray**.

Vice President **Smith** became a class officer because he wanted to be a leader and help make a difference at VHS. "My favorite thing about being a class officer was the fact that I could be a part of school events and work with people I normally wouldn't interact with. I was able to experience great events and meet new people," said **Smith**.

Secretary **Adrienne Lineback** also became a class officer to meet new people and to help

others. "The best thing about being a class officer was getting involved in all of the fun activities we planned," said **Lineback**.



Left to Right: Kennedy Pony, Isaiah Smith, Olivia Murray, Adrienne Lineback





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Saba Ahmed
Abdullah Aljohel
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Emma Ardelean
Karla Arias
Chloe Arndt

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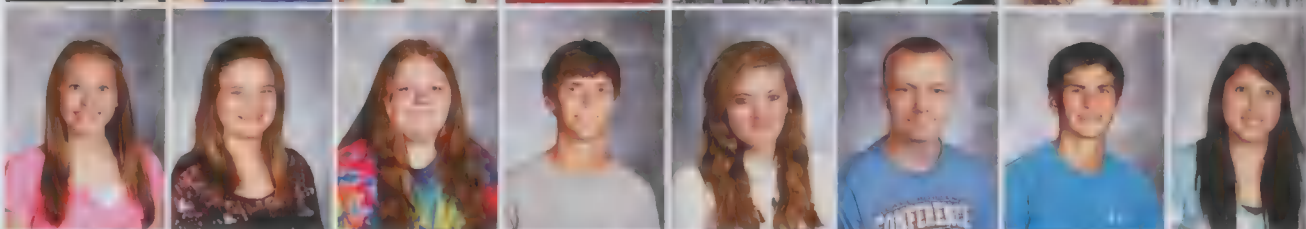
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#FreeSyria

Vaipornan High School's Muslim Student Association (MSA) was an organization of approximately 12 students who worked to help people better understand the Muslim religion. Not everyone in MSA was Muslim; anyone could join. Under the leadership of senior President Dana Khabbazz and senior Vice President Aneeb Mahideen, the MSA hosted a number of events throughout the year such as a question and answer session where people could ask questions they were curious about regarding Islam. In addition, the group hosted a Fast-a-Thon and an Interfaith Discussion.

In November of 2012, the MSA decided to raise money to help those in Syria.

The MSA decided to take action by selling rubber wristbands that read "FREE SYRIA". Charging \$2 for a small wristband and \$3 for a large, the MSA sold over 500, raising a total of \$1,125. The money was sent to the Koran Foundation and it helped with humanitarian aid for the Syrian civilians.

"I had friends whose relatives in Syria lost their lives because of the attacks by the Syrian regime," said junior Leana Aljabe. "It was amazing how generous everyone has been," said senior Khabbazz. "We raised money for a great cause, and that was something we should be proud of."



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Zachary Holland
Alyssa Hooks
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Charles Horsley
Mycah Houser



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Ariana Krieser



#freshman year

"I liked all the clubs and sports that you can do."
Becca Effenbock, 9



"I liked that there were a lot more opportunities."
Jeremy Owens, 9

"I really liked meeting new people."
Haley Wirth, 9



"I liked the people here better."
Ben Nielsen, 9



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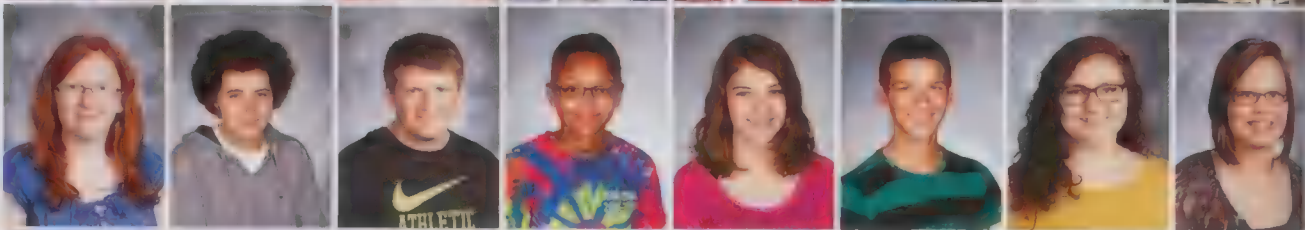
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Zachary Stearns
Carissa Steele
Grant Steiner

Abigail Stewart
Jonathan Stosker
Kelsey Stowers
Joel Suchak
Danielle Suter
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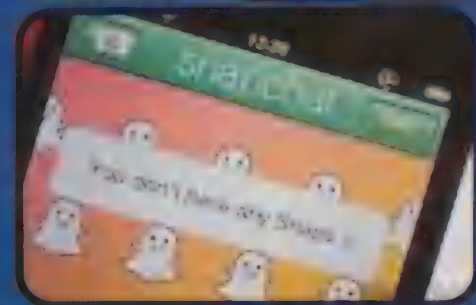
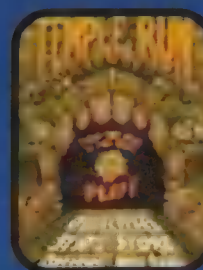
#PopularApps

What was the most popular app? This question would have a wide variety of answers due to all the popular, existing apps that have come out. Throughout the year, these apps entered the halls of Valpo High School and caught the eyes and attention of various students.

From Temple Run, Draw Something and Snapchat to Pal Cap, The Incredibles and Words With Friends, high school students had no problem recurring their time. These various games took over the minds and time of VHS students. All of these different games were the talk of the halls at VHS based upon scores, different skill levels and most interesting parts of the game.

"Whenever there was a new, popular game, everyone made sure to go and download it right away so they weren't out of the loop," said senior Sarah Jakubish. No student wanted to get left behind on the technological trail, so this encouraged students to download the newest, trending app.

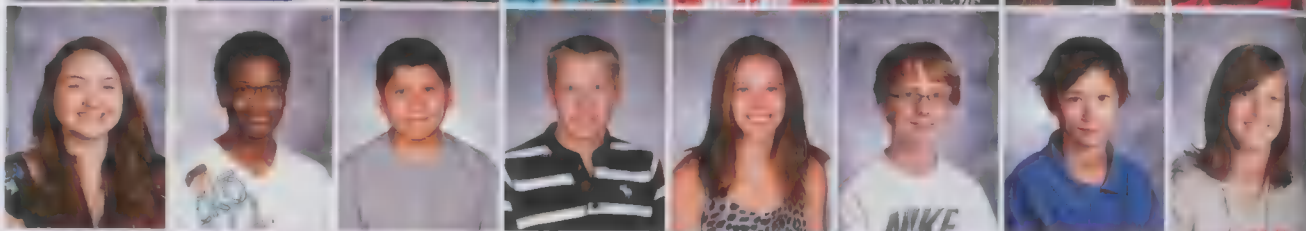
Aside from the existing games, several other apps caught the attention of VHS students. It was not unusual that social networking occupied the time of a majority of those who spent countless hours checking their friends' updates and profiles or updating their own material. In addition, all of these social networking sites became mobile apps, it was a must-have for the majority of high school students everywhere. "Whenever I would be on my phone I would always check my social networking accounts first before I would do anything else," said junior Evan Ellis.



Lee Tomanica
Waterfield
Alena Tonne
Sicily Townsend
Maya Trask
Jeremiah Trebil
Robert Trieu
Jane Tullis
Summer Tursi



Gina Twardosz
Anthony Tyler
Fortino Valle
Charles Vamos
Samantha Van Dam
Parker Van Driel
Bailey Vantine
Rylie Vaughan



Jeffrey Velez
Jeffrey Venekamp
Casey Villagran
Olivia Vinyard
Trevor Vowels
Hanna Wade
Caira Walker
Skylar Wallace



Evan Walls
Gena Wallz
Hannah Walsh
Lindsey Walsh
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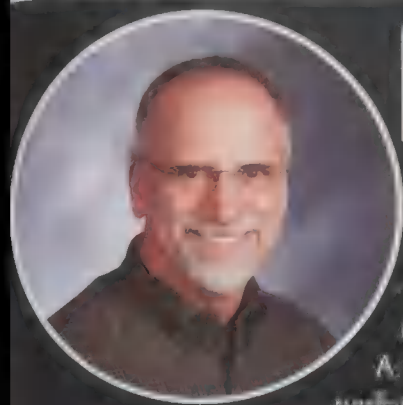
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Jeremy Woodworth



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David Young
Christopher Zart
Kristin Zbyrowski
Ethan Zell
Abigail Zombik
Jonathan Zygmunt



#Retired



Mr. Pritchett

Q: How many years did you teach at VHS?

A: "38 years"

Q: What will you miss most about teaching at VHS?

A: "I will miss playing/performing great band literature

and I will miss the students and their sense of humor."

Q: What was your favorite memory from VHS?

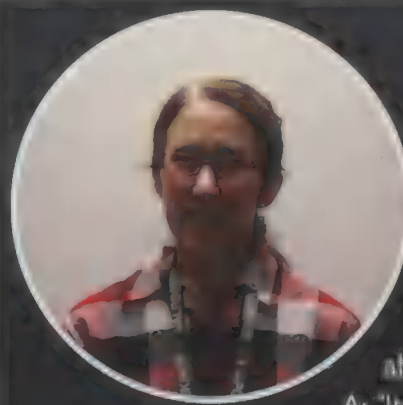
A: "My favorite memory was winning the State Concert Band Championships 12 times, the last time with my own two children in 'A' Band."

Q: What are your plans for after retirement?

A: "I plan to stay in the area, teaching private lessons and being involved in music in NWI."

Q: How is education different from when you first began teaching?

A: "It has not changed that much. Valpo parents are very supportive and value education, as are the students I come into contact with. It has been a joy to be part of VHS!"



Mrs. Gray

Q: How many years did you teach at VHS?

A: "5 at Porter County Alternative and 27 at VHS"

Q: What will you miss most about teaching at VHS?

A: "Interaction with students"

Q: What was your favorite memory from VHS?

A: "All of those ah-ha moments my students had and when I had students of former students in my classroom."

Q: What are your plans for after retirement?

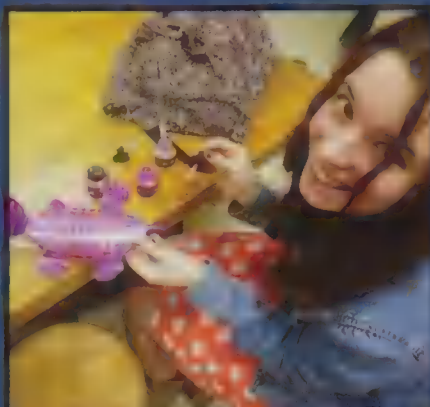
A: "Open for interpretation"

Q: How is education different from when you first began teaching?

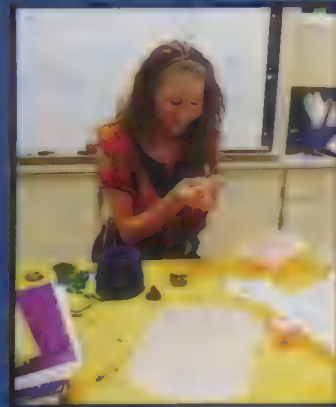
A: "I started in 1977 at VHS and the mindset of public education has shifted to reflect the current society. I believe we have lost sight of a higher purpose for our students and are currently stuck in testing, testing, and more testing."

#Sculpture

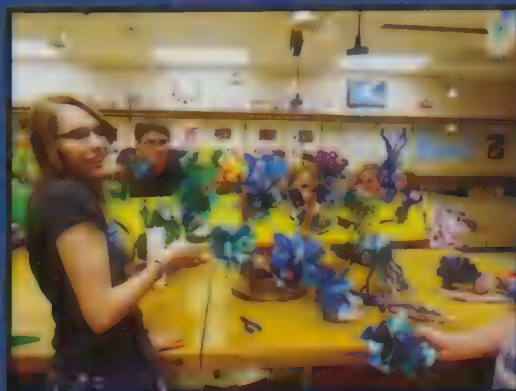
Mrs. Joanne Papp, a VHS art teacher, received a grant to make a plastic sculpture installation in the floor of stairwell. The installation was inspired by the glass work of Dale Chihuly. Each student created a different form, and then the colorful sculptures filled the whole stairwell area.



Makenna Fetch



Victoria Lennick, 12



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Dean of Students
Katie Berg
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Special Ed
Kevin Cessna
Foreign Language



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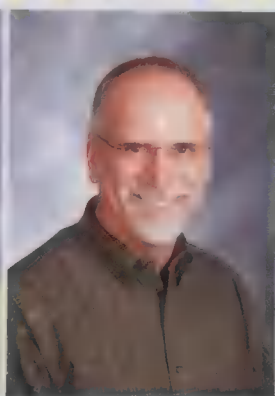
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Karen Nagel
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Jacob Plesac
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Daniel Pritchett
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Miguel Rosario
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Kristen Schaefer
Science
Linda Schonbachler
Music
Jeanine Schott
Math
Deb Seeger
Paraprofessional
Debbie Shaffer
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SPORTS



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1. Senior Andi Sarkisian practices to take the high jump during dual meets.

2. Running back, the Viking players that play every morning have toward the field.

3. Senior Zach Schwartz practices his shot at the Viking event.

4. Starting at a variety of times, the Viking athletes Tyler Ellrich throw a pitch.

5. Junior Cory Fox hits the home run during the game.

6. Meeting in the middle, the Viking athletes Kate Spencer and Kelly Kennedy compete with their 100m hurdles.

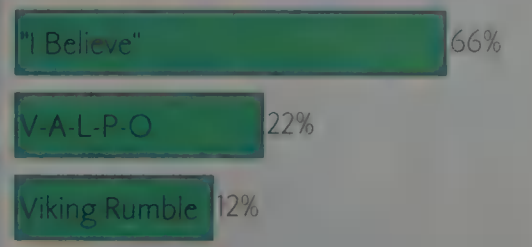
7. Senior George Krummel takes his shot during the game.

8. During a game, sophomore William Weathersby competes to take the shot.

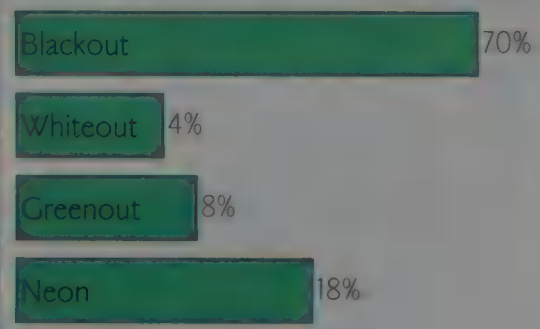
9. Sophomore Hannah Pixley takes over the game.

#vikingnation

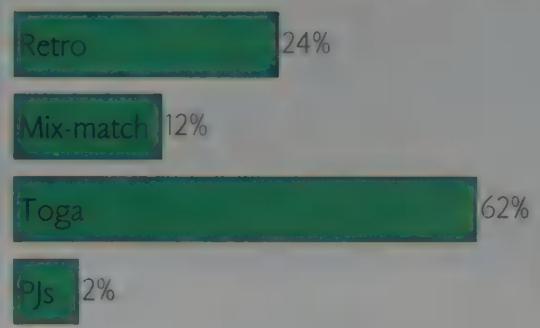
Favorite Cheer



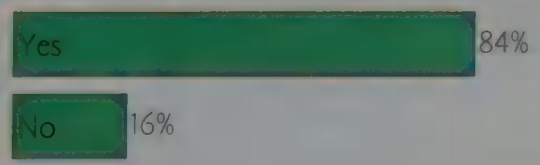
Favorite Color Theme



Favorite Dress Up Theme



Do you go to all the games?



Fifty people completed a survey concerning the Viking Nation which was led by seniors Cydney Young and Stephen Simms along with the help of various other seniors.



Varsity/JV Football

Info:

The varsity football team ended their season with a record of 3-7. The team had many challenges during the season, which included the younger players who had to step up to varsity roles.

On a positive note, **Coach Dave Coyle** felt that the team interacted very well. "The bonds were formed due to the players pushing each other in the off season, which have carried over into the regular season. Our players had a set of goals that helped them to work hard and achieve for each game," said **Coyle**, who was in his first year as the new varsity coach after Mark Hoffman retired.

Of the three captains, senior **Lonnie Pappas** thought that the team had great chemistry. "We had the strongest bond within the sports community, we were like brothers for life. My favorite memory was watching the lower classmen step up and fill the shoes of the next level," said **Pappas**.



After lining up, the players take off after the ball.



Senior **Stephen Simms** evades his Penn opponent as he makes his way down the field.



After the game, the players congratulate each other as a sign of good sportsmanship.

#thoughts



"Our team interacted very well. I believed we had the best relationship with each other out of all the teams."

-**Conner Ahearn, 12**

"My favorite memory had been watching the lower classmen step up and fill the shoes of the next level."

-**Lonnie Pappas, 12**



"My favorite part about playing football was being there on Friday nights."

-**Patrick Reilly, 12**

"My favorite part about football was winning, you had to play to win!"

-**Anthony Rojas, 12**





1. While breaking away from his opponent, junior Mark Johnson moves down the field with the ball.
2. Junior Angelo Madrigal breaks free from his opponent.
3. The players receive direction from the coaching staff.
4. Running as a pack, the Vikings enter the home field.
5. Toga clad students cheer on the Vikings.



Tagged

Row 1(L to R): Patrick Reilly, Justin Starns, Gabe Brewer, Nick Martin, Carter Mitchell, Tyler Hodge, Colin Vinward, Colin Ahern, Jason Wild, Spencer Sovani, Jason Stewart, Geoff Schwartzberger, Jason Horn, Jared Rafferty, Sean Curtis, Adam Miller, Aaron Miller

Row 2(L to R): Matt Dix, Adam Bates, Nathan Cayda, Ethan Frame, Jarret Gentry, Max Keating, Caleb Dawson, Ryan Waggoner, Mark Johnson, Ryan Bednar, Alex Speiss, Jeff Neumer, Joe Pimentel, Anthony Rojas, Jeff Holmes, Stephen Simms, Joe Carbellio

Row 3(L to R): Zac Singleton, Ryan Delaunay, Jake Kollason, Luke Davis, Clinton Weltan, Nick Remijan, Mike Gallinatti, Liam McGrath, Michael Krutz, CJ Gear, John Reid, Drake Bartan, Joey Grudzien, Anthony Castanan, Jack Felgen, Nate Smith, Anthony Carpenter

Row 4(L to R): Nick Thorn, Thomas Goding, Austin Garbison, Mitel Wiles, Conner Ahern, David Hittinger, Patrick Gallagher, Trent Fortson, Matt Brennecke, Michael Girman, Brody Crossin, Tristan Kollar, JP Kunze, Nate Cornett, Angelo Madrigal, Jack Andrie, Jon Steiner

Row 5(L to R): Taylor Bezotte, Blake Bieser, Ray Pevai, Michael Rastovic, Lornie Pappas, Zach Steiner, Patrick Moore, Evan Bauer, Matt Flord, Paul Runyan, Alec Judy, Andrew Kittredge, Steven Thurman, Kyle Bishop, Alex Healy, Tyler Costas

Row 6(L to R): Managers, Abby Stewart, Samantha Yarns, Kathy Mirko, Veronica Chevalier, Aubrey Carpenter, Rhonda Gilliam, Megan Gallagher, Back Row(L to R): Dr. Lavinort, Mike Ahern, Keith Gumbard, Coach Pat Winters, Coach Todd Evans, Coach Jon Davis, Coach Bill Marshall, Coach Mark Thorn, Head Coach Dave Coyne, Coach Sam Bernard, Coach Jason Remm, Coach Matt Heimer, Coach Eric Kennedy, Coach Ben Lieske, Coach Kurt Mirko, Coach Chance Garbison, Coach Tom Reim



Freshman Football

Info:

The freshmen boy's football team finished their season with a record of 5-1 in the DAC and 6-3 overall. The team was named co-DAC champs at the end of their football season. The boys had a rough start and ended up beginning their season with a 3 game losing streak, but greatly improved during the rest of the season to win six games in a row.

The freshmen football team was coached by Jon Davis, Chance Garbison, Ben Lieske, and Kurt Minko. "My favorite part about being a coach was working with the kids and watching and helping them get better as players and more importantly as people," said **Coach Lieske**.



Freshman wide receiver **Kyle Krsak** prepares to catch the pass.



The freshmen defensive players prepare themselves in position to try and tackle the members of the opposing team.



During play, freshman football player **Austin Ford** receives the hand off of the ball and gets ready to run with it.

#thoughts



"What I liked most about playing football was the brotherhood and teamwork."
-Matt Mayes, 9



"My favorite memory from the season was beating Chesterton."
-Jack Healy, 9

"The hitting and the winning was my favorite part about playing football."
-Austin Ford, 9



"My favorite part of the football team was that our team started 0-3 and we ended up winning six games in a row."
-Chris Orlich, 9





1. Freshman Jared Smolar punts the ball over to the other side of the field.
2. Coach Minko talks to his team during a timeout.
3. Catching the ball, freshman Bryce Crook gets ready to run the ball back for the Vikings.
4. Freshman quarterback Matt Mayes prepares to receive the snap to start the play.
5. Running with the ball, freshman DaCota Overland avoids his defender's tackles.



Tagged

Row 1 (L to R): Konnor Minko, Danny Wampner, Jacob LaBelle, Kyle Campaniello, Hunter Blanchard, Dylan Ovanek, Kyle Miller, Tony Kloss, Hunter DeMan

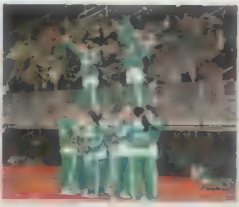
Row 2: Sam Ochs, Joseph Gricich, Josh Mears, Bryce Cook, Jared Clark, Dylan Johnson, Mike Nieto, Jared Smolar, Chris Orlich

Row 3: DaCota Overland, Jared McMaster, Spencer Dumas, Luke Pollock, Kyle Krsak, Jordon Swenson, Jared Lasky, Dylan Johnson, Wyatt Coto, Matthew Billings

Row 4: Austin Ford, Ben Staples, Joe Blaschke, Jack Healy, Michael Klingseisen, Tyler Gall, Reece Kassner, Joel Suchak, Hunter Fox

Row 5: Nick Bluhm, Alex Kukurugya, Zach Stearns, Josh Schlichting, Jake Bryan, Eric Hess, Matt Mayes, Justus Marshall, John Nowosad, Sam Nowosad

Row 6: Coach Kurt Minko, Coach Ben Lieske, Coach Jon Davis, Coach Chance Garbison



Cheer

#thoughts

Info:

Football season was a hectic one for the Valparaíso High School cheerleaders. From homecoming to away games, there was never a dull moment. The team was led by senior captains **Caitlyn Gear** and **Claire Scherschel** who had goals of making this season different from anything they had experienced.

"The biggest struggle with being the coach this season was getting together the homecoming dance, but it turned out awesome!" coach **Kara Wissing** said.

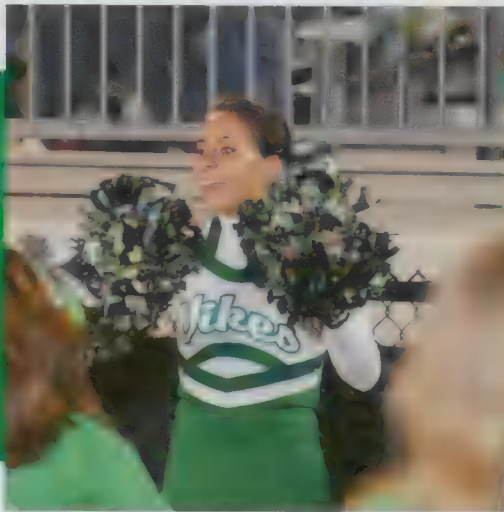


"My favorite part of being on cheer was getting so close with the girls and being able to meet new friends."

-Rashawnda Gilliam, 12

"My favorite part of cheer was how close we got and the bus rides because we all get crazy."

-Haley Sorrells, 11



Senior captain **Caitlyn Gear** leads the elementary girls participating in the cheer clinic at a home football game.



Junior **Kelly Bledsoe** and sophomore **Ireland McLinn** run the flag down the track after every touchdown the football team scores.



At the homecoming game, junior **Alejandra Guzman** and sophomore **Mallory Thomas** lead the crowd in a cheer.



Tagged

Row 1 (L to R): Caitlyn Gear, Claire Scherschel

Row 2: Devin Roach, Haley Sorrells, Rashawnda Gilliam

Row 3: Ireland McLinn, Kelly Bledsoe, Mallory Thomas, Hanna Wilson

Row 4: Kathryn Jankowski, Abbey Thomas, Alejandra Guzman, Jocelyn Jackson, Coach Kara Wissing

#thoughts



"The best part of football season was the feeling I got being under the lights during halftime."
Alexandra Shideler, 11

"[Vikettes] looked like something fun to be a part of and the routines looked like they would be fun to perform."
Emma Patterson, 9



Vikettes



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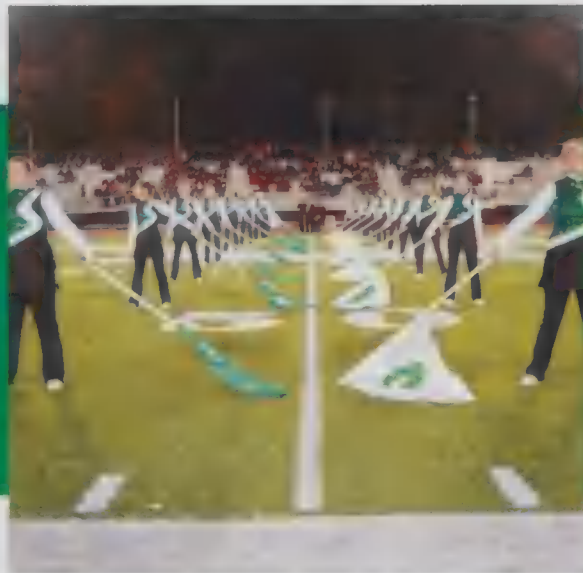
Dancing during the football season was memorable for sixteen girls who were members of the Vikettes. The team was led by head captain **Hannah White**, pom captain **Maddisen Brennecke**, and flag captain **Collette Pfladderer**. The trio had goals of creating memories on and off the Viking field.

"I have always loved being able to teach a routine that everyone catches on to really quickly and when I watch it, all the flag silks go in the same spinning direction and it looks so awesome!" said **Pfladderer**.

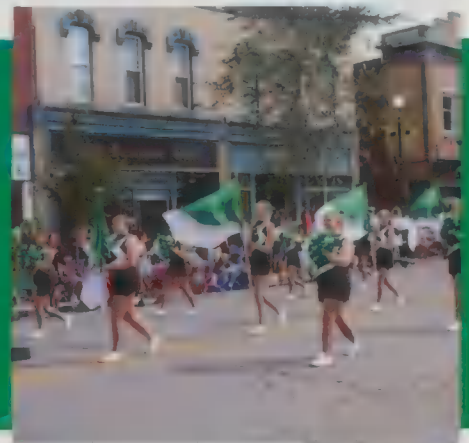
The Vikettes performed at every home football game, including parades and the homecoming pep rally.



Seniors **Stephanie Baxter-Ivey**, **Maddisen Brennecke**, **Alexis Cleveland**, **Collette Pfladderer**, and **Hannah White** perform at the last home football game to 'Party Rock Anthem' with the band.



The Vikettes prepare to showcase the homecoming court during halftime at the game.



During each Popcorn Festival parade, the Vikettes march with the band. The 2012 Popcorn Fest song selection included 'Surfin' USA'.



Tagged

Row 1 (L to R): **Alexis Cleveland**, **Maddisen Brennecke**, **Hannah White**, **Collette Pfladderer**, **Stephanie Baxter-Ivey**
Row 2: **Kimberly Jankowski**, **Alexandra Shideler**, **Cheyenne Carpow**, **Emily Naggatz**, **Maria Yallourakis**, **Jenna Mitchell**
Row 3: **Emma Patterson**, **Sydney Basden**, **Julia Michaels**, **Marie Wirsing**, **Katherine Osby**, **Coach Molly Phelps**



Vikettes

#thoughts

Info:

With smiles on their faces along with lively routines, the Vikettes sought to involve the crowd with their spirited performances. This season featured different styles and techniques during each performance. Each routine lasted close to two minutes.

The hard work of the Vikettes was awarded with a first place finish against three dance teams at the Hoosier Open Competition held in February. In addition, the team also participated in various community service opportunities.



"I enjoyed the camaraderie between the girls on and off the field."

-Stephanie Baxter-Ivey, 12

"My favorite part is having a group of girls that I can rely on for anything and that truly care about me."

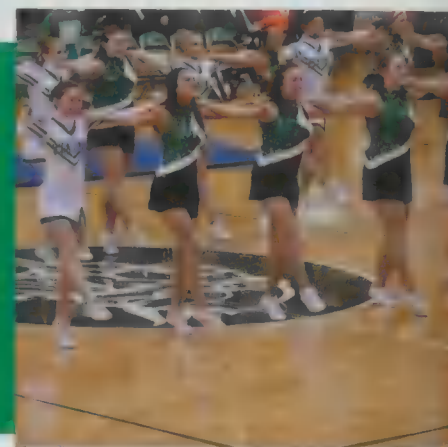
-Maria Yallourakis, 11



The Vikettes finish off a routine choreographed by the Michigan State University pom-pom team. The Vikettes participated in a workshop at MSU to learn the routine.



From the musical, *Chicago*, the Vikettes performed to "All That Jazz" and did a hand jive. The performance included jazz techniques and a kickline that was a showstopper.



The cheerleaders and Vikettes perform at halftime during the boy's basketball senior night. It was an annual performance that showcased stunting and a kickline.



Tagged

Row 1 (L-R): Collette Pfledderer, Hannah White, Maddisen Brennecke, Stephanie Baxter-Ivey

Row 2: Kimberly Jankowski, Emily Naggatz, Alexis Cleveland, Cheyenne Garpow, Marlene Vilorio, Maria Yallourakis, Jenna Mitchell

Row 3: Katherine Osby, Emma Patterson, Sydney Basden, Alexandra Shideler, Julia Michaels, Coach Molly Phelps

#thoughts



"My favorite part about basketball season is we get to cheer at more games and we have competition."
-Devin Roach, 12

"My favorite part is the excitement of going to practice and seeing people I love so much."
-Kathryn Jankowski, 9



Cheer



Info:

The Valparaiso High School cheerleaders helped lead the crowd every second of every home basketball game.

Long practices and countless hours of preparing for their cheers helped to prepare the girls for their winter season.

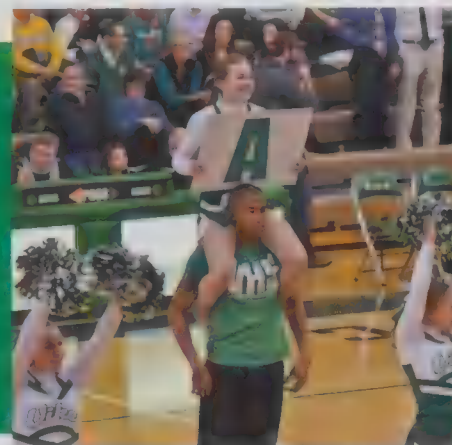
The squad participated at the Hoosier Open competition and won second place in the co-ed division and first place in the spirit award. The success was a reflection of all the hard work and dedication from all, including the five seniors and head coach Kara Wissing.



Taking second place at competition, the cheer team demonstrates their final pose at the Hoosier Open competition in February.



VHS cheerleaders hit their ending stunt during a time out and have help from the four males who were a part of the squad.



Sophomore Mallory Thomas is lifted by senior Lonnie Pappas during a thirty second quarter change. They helped spell the word V-A-L-P-O.



Tagged

Row 1 (L-R): Devin Roach, Caitlyn Gear, Claire Scherschel, Rashawnda Gilliam

Row 2: Alejandra Guzman, Haley Sorrells, Kelly Bledsoe

Row 3: Jocelyn Jackson, Abbey Thomas, Mallory Thomas, Kathryn Jankowski

Row 4: Alyssa Hooks, Mimi Austin, Alexis Barnes, Amyla Wooden, Assistant Coach Carrie Sorrells



Boys' Cross Country

Info:

The Boy's Cross Country team dominated throughout their entire season. They were victorious at sectionals, regionals, and even semi-state. The team made the journey to the State competition in Terre Haute where seniors **Peyton Reed, Xavier Reed, Landon Davison, Andrew Lyp, Taylor Bisacchi, and Patrick Dalton** competed as well as junior **Ari Coupolos**. At the state competition, Valpo proudly placed third.

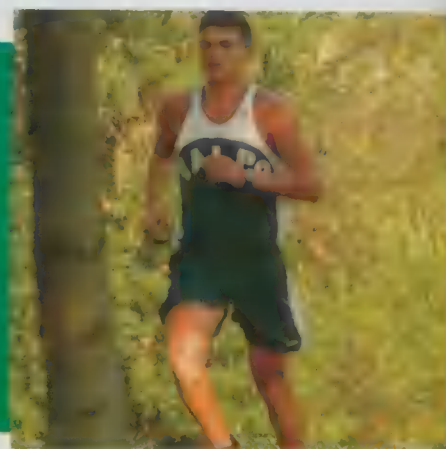
"I enjoyed seeing the boys develop into a strong team, reaching goals of going undefeated, and reaching individual goals as well. We has fifty runners on our team which was the biggest number of student athletes in school history and we were very proud of that fact," said coach **Mike Prow**.



Senior **Erik Muntzing** sprints his final stretch to the finish line.



Runners begin the cross country meet ready to run.



Senior **Jordan Galligan** focuses on his goal as he runs through the woods.

#thoughts



"My favorite part of the season was when our team won the Rensselaer Invite in every age category,"
-Kevin Mangel, 11.



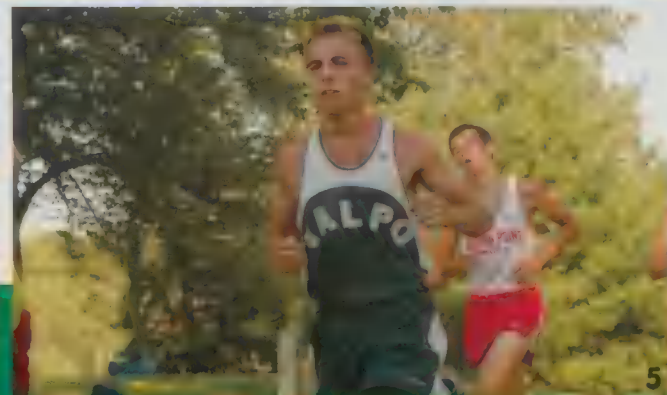
"The best part about cross country was the comaraderie. It was gratifying to be loved and respected."
-Andy Miles, 12.

"My first goal for this season was to stay fit. My second goal was to lose weight and I lost over 30 pounds."
-Rahul Patel, 12.



"My favorite part of the season was undoubtedly getting to know all of the runners."
-Erik Muntzing, 12.





1. After finishing the race, senior Zach Schwartz attempts to catch his breath.
2. Seniors Taylor Bissachi and Peyton Reed run in hopes of placing first and second.
3. Keeping a steady pace, senior Rahul Patel fights to the finish.
4. Clapping in unison, the runners begin their warm-up run.
5. Senior John Halfman runs past his opponents.



Tagged

Row 1 (L to R): Connor Devine, Kyle Sharp, Camden Davison, Abdullah Aljobeh, Andrew Jankowski, Kevin Mangel, Aaron Finley, John Buggeln, Zach Kroll
 Row 2 (L to R): Chuck Vamos, Drew Finley, Ari Caupoulos, Isaiah Smith, Erik Muntzing, Mark Halfman, Robert Halfman, Jake Southwell, Corey Alfredson
 Row 3 (L to R): Zach Schwartz, Josh Runyan, Rahul Patel, Taylor Murphy, Danny Dalton, Corey Sanders, Jonathon Zygmunt, John Halfman, Ben Hardwick, Joel Perez
 Row 4 (L to R): Coach Mike Prow, Jacob Chapman, Bob Schenck, Jack Gabrish, Andy Kahrs, Josh Marciniak, Andy Miles, Zach Hardesty, Landon Davison, Coach Aaron Crague
 Top Row (L to R): Taylor Bisacchi, Connor Ritz, Andrew Lyp, Oscar Palin, Kevin Hickey, Peyton Reed, Xavier Reed, Rainer Neis, Ethan McChristian, Patrick Dalton



Girl's Cross Country

Info:

Excellence as well as tradition were two words often associated with the girl's cross country team which was displayed in their season record of 15-1. Not only did the Valparaiso girl cross country team improve on their athleticism, they also created long lasting friendships during the season.

Despite the loss of a talented group of seniors from the previous year, there was no need for worry as sophomore **Alison Mundell**, freshman **Ellie Joll**, and junior **Aurora Bonner** contributed to the success of the season.

"This group of girls fit perfectly together," said Coach Adam Nellessen.

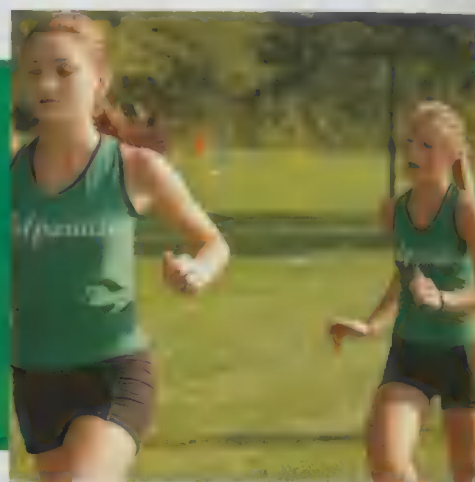
Highlights of the season included remaining undefeated in the DAC, winning sectionals, and placing second in regionals. The team finished third at semi-state and placed in the top 20 at state.



Sophomore **Alison Mundell** sprints to the finish.



Junior **Liz Schlichting** leads the race against the Crown Point Bull Dogs.



Sophomore **Taylor Kovats** and junior **Alyssa Despoy** run hard to the finish.

#thoughts



"My favorite thing about our team was how supportive everyone was."
-Hannah Zygmunt, 12

"The team motto was *"One Team, One Dream, One Family!"*
-Sara Greenawald, 11.



"My favorite memory of the season was the puddle runs and pasta parties!"
-Brianna Konrad, 12

"I loved the sense of closeness and family that you received from being on the cross country team."
-Tiffany Fortney, 12





1. The runners make their way to the finish line.
2. Members of the cross country team pose for a group picture in the shade.
3. In a display of group unity, the team assembles in a huddle with Coach Adam Nellessen.
4. By keeping a steady pace, the runners focus on keeping their stamina.
5. Senior **Hannah Zygmunt** takes a strong lead in the meet against Crown Point at Sunset Hill Park.



Tagged

Row 1: (L to R) Abby Mitchell, Cassie Klavas, Samantha Van Dam, Alison Mundell, Liz Schlichting, Alena Tonne, Elisabeth Joll
 Row 2: (L to R) Alexia Perez, Hannah Zygmunt, Alyssa Despoy, Maggie Welsh, Brianna Konrad, Sydnye Nosbusch
 Row 3: (L to R) Emily Walsh, Michaela Gazdich, Aurora Bonner, Taylor Kovats, Samaah Al-Najjar, Tiffany Fortney, Coach Adam Nellessen
 Row 4: (L to R) Sara Greenawald, Emily Owens, Sara Kupsis, Madison Whitler, Caira Walker, Alaina Martin, Kelly Bigger, Shelby Kucharyski



Boy's Varsity Soccer

#thoughts

Info:

The Boy's Varsity Soccer team had an outstanding season both on and off the field. In addition, varsity team members managed to end their regular season with a record of 18-3.

Some of the many highlights of the season included: winning the Canterbury Tournament in Fort Wayne, winning the first regional title since 2005, and taking first place in the DAC.

The players shared a team bond that could not be broken. "This was the most cohesive group of young men in the past 10 years," said Coach Danny Jeftich. The boy's brotherhood helped them reach the goal of going to Warsaw for semi state. At semi-state, the boys lost to Hamilton Southeastern with a score of 2-0.



"This was one of the best teams I had been with. Everybody talked to everyone, and I felt like 'they' helped us out on the field. We were basically like brothers."
-John Christodoulakis, 12

"This season our team wanted to reclaim being the DAC champions for the first time, and we did."

-Brendan Sutherland, 11



Senior **Yamen Atassi** looks to pass the ball to an open teammate down the field.



The Vikings meet in a huddle for team support.



Junior **Cory Fox** dribbles the soccer ball down the field ready for an open pass.



Tagged

Row 1: (L to R): Sam Neill, Brendan Sutherland, Nick Hathoot, Ethan Lehen, Nate Dawson, Caleb Neal, Cory Fox

Row 2: (L to R): Coach Danny Jeftich, manager Jake Hallow, Luke Kovar, Tommy Billings, Thomas Walsh, Bennett Van Schouwen, coach Ted Cuson, coach Scott Bartlett

Row 3: (L to R): John Christodoulakis, Steven Gerry, Isaac Withrow, Paul Henderson, Andrew Fletcher, Joseph Gibson, Chase Holford, Dan Roth

#thoughts

Boys' JV Soccer



Info:



"We've had a great team this year, and we all got along so well together which really helped us connect on the soccer field."
-Jacob Wallace, 10

"My favorite part of the season was bonding with my team."
-Caleb Willson, 9



As the season came to a close, the junior varsity soccer team ended the season with a record of 7-5-4. The team got along pretty well despite the challenges of the season. JV teammates faced a difficult season especially since many of the key players were either hurt, absent or under the weather for many of the games.

"The bright spot was that we tied for the conference championship. We seemed to play better on Wednesdays than on Saturdays," said Coach Ted Cuson. The JV boys overall record for conference was 5-0-2.



Sophomore **Alex Horb** prepares to kick the ball during an intense game.



Sophomore **Billy Yogan** blocks the opponents ball from going into the goal.



Coach **Danny Jechtich** talks to the junior varsity team while they are in a huddle.



Tagged

Row 1: (L to R): Ryan Miles, Nick Pontrelli, Paolo Padilla, Aaron King, Alex Horb, Michael Deedrick, Riley Owens
Row 2: (L to R): Aberlado Soriana, Caleb Wilson, Jake Stadler, Jacob Devine, Matt Yogan, Jose Apolo
Row 3: (L to R): Coach Danny Jechtich, Coach Scott Bartlett, Erik Schwedland, Billy Yogan, Steven Fisher, Baker Harris, Coach Ted Cuson
Row 4: Kyle Sissell, Sam Klemz, Jacob Wallace, Michael Gerry, Jarod Bradley, Christian Sayers



Girl's Varsity Soccer

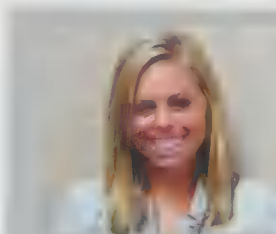
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Info:

Under the leadership of captains senior **Kathryn Schoer** and junior **Lauren Reineke**, the girl's varsity soccer team completed their season with a 16-4-1 record. In addition, they captured a sectional title as well.

"Fond memories of the season include beating Chesterton 4-0, as well as the friendships and jokes we all made during the season," said **Reineke**.

Varsity coach **Robert Cespedes** said that the girls had a successful season. "We had a strong and experienced team who knew how to play well together and we had a great soccer season," said **Cespedes**.



"My favorite memory of the season was our team camp at Indiana State University. The team bonding activity brought us closer as a team, and we had the funniest memories there like *Young Hum*."
-Jenelle Klumpe, 12

"I loved how soccer was a team sport. We all relied on each other for support, and a really good team plays as a unit together. We had great chemistry this year."
-Kathryn Schoer, 12



Juniors **Lauren Reineke** and **Grace Withrow** congratulate each other after scoring a goal.



Senior **Andrea Violanti** looks for an open pass while being defended by an opponent.



Senior **Jenelle Klumpe** dribbles the ball away from her opponent.



Tagged

Row 1: (L to R): Savannah Hampton, Gigi Jarratt, Jenelle Klumpe, Andrea Violanti

Row 2: (L to R): Grace Withrow, Lauren Reineke, Amy Martin, Jana Banschbach, Gabriel Hinding, Kaylee Pullins

Row 3: (L to R): Kathryn Schoer, Kristina Veljovic, Coach Rob Cespedes, Coach Stewart Cherry, Coach Laura Nietert, Manager Kaitlyn King, Emma Kurt, Mary Gooding

#thoughts

Girls' JV Soccer



Info:



"My goal was to improve on my record from last year. With the help of my team, we had 81 goals and only one against us."
-Cami Holford, 10

"My favorite memory about this season was going undefeated. We worked hard for it and earned it. I also liked meeting new people. Also, the bus rides home after a win were a blast!"
-Hannah Walsh, 9



The girl's JV soccer team had an undefeated season of 13-0. In addition, they scored 81 goals to 1 for their opponents.

Coach Stewart Cherry has been the girl's JV coach since 2008. "Our goals for the season were that we represent VHS with honor, and that the girls enjoyed the season," said **Cherry**.

Team captains for the season were sophomores **Ashley Thomas** and **Kelly Lyp**. "We all became great friends by the end of the season because we spent so much time with each other," said **Lyp**.



Freshman **Allison Page** crosses the ball toward the goal against her LaPorte defender.



While dribbling down the field, freshman **Sam Enloe** prepares to make a goal.



Sophomore **Ashley Thomas** dribbles the ball away from her opponent.



Tagged

Row 1: (L to R): Sam Enloe, Kareen Billetter, Kailey Clapp, Maddie Hathoot, Dovie McCorkel
Row 2: (L to R): Hannah Walsh, Lexi Ferngren, Kelly Lyp, Ashley Thomas, Allison Page, Cameron Holford
Row 3: (L to R): Nicole Isroff, Rachel Greenawald, Coach Laura Nietert, Coach Rob Cespedes, Manager Kaitlyn King, Coach Stewart Cherry, Rebecca Riley, Erica Acton



Boys' Varsity Tennis

#thoughts

Info:

The boys varsity tennis team finished their season with a record of 18-3. The boys continued their winning streak by defeating Chesterton and Portage in their sectional to garner a victory. They also fought their way through regionals to beat Marquette and Penn to win the title. When they got to semi state, the boys dominated Culver and ended up making it to the first round at state.

The varsity boys team was coached by Tim Shideler. "The boys improved on playing together as a team," said **Coach Shideler**.



"I liked tennis because it was fun and you got exercise."

-Marty Pochop, 12

"The thing I loved was that somedays you felt like Roger Federer."

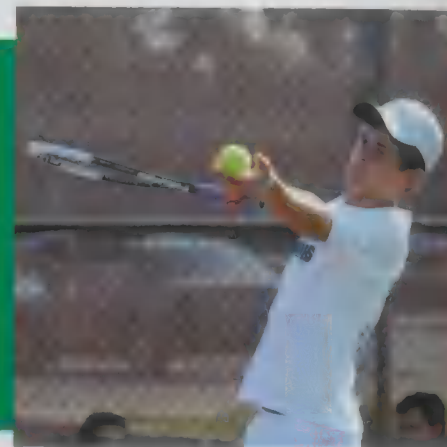
-Pall Baggett, 11



During his match, senior #1 singles player **Ben Kalisch** gets ready to hit his backhand shot.



Before the start of the match, juniors **Noah Klumpe** and **David Miller** shake hands with their opponents before they begin to play.



In deep concentration, junior **Peter Williams** prepares to serve the ball before beginning the next point.



Tagged

Row 1 (L to R): David Miller, Peter Williams, Chad Gelinas, Jared Folke, Domi Szabo

Row 2: Coach Tim Shideler, Eric Cender, Ben Kalisch, Marty Pochop, Noah Klumpe, Pall Baggett

#thoughts

Boys' JV Tennis



Info:



"I liked tennis because it was different than any other sport."
-Shirantha Stanislaus, 11

The boys JV tennis team finished their season with a winning record of 15-1. A big accomplishment for them was defeating a tough Culver tennis team during the season. "The best part about being on the team was the support and help I got from my teammates to improve my game. I owed so much of my improvement to some of the senior members on the team and to my coaches," said freshman JV player **Dimitrije Simic**.

The JV boys tennis team was coached by **Matt Evans**.

"Tennis was a fun sport and it was nice to be a part of a skillful team."
-Quinn Sandelski, 11



Keeping his eye on the ball, junior **Ben Lawson** prepares to return the shot.



Members of the Valpo tennis team gather in a huddle to get themselves ready to play before the start of the match.



Senior **Peter Fink** positions his racquet in preparation of returning a forehand shot to his opponent.

Tagged

Row 1 (L to R): Eric Yiankes, Trevor Mahlmann, Gavin White, Colin Flannery, Derek Wappel

Row 2: Andrew Lehnert, Shirantha Stanislaus, Ethan White, Matt Janesheski, Ben Nielsen

Row 3: Coach Tim Shideler, Ben Lawson, Quinn Sandelski, Dimitrije Simic, Dominic Davis, Jordan Begay

Not pictured: Brian Karr, Peter Fink





Varsity Volleyball

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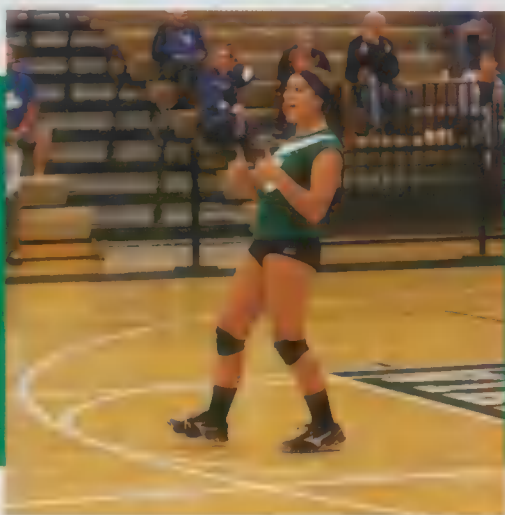
The varsity volleyball team had a very successful season by ending it with a record of 10-4.

"You had to want it," said senior **Mary Bobos**.

The driven athletes worked together and listened to their coach, **Ms. Katie Lenard**, in order to reach their goals, two of which were winning sectionals and making it to regionals.

"I have learned that you can't win them all," said Coach **Lenard**. "You had to constantly be re-evaluating things."

The eleven girls believed they had a great team this year and that they all got along well together. "We never let anything get us down and never [gave] up," said junior **Noelle Eveland**.



Senior **Mary Bobos** congratulates her teammates with a thumbs up.

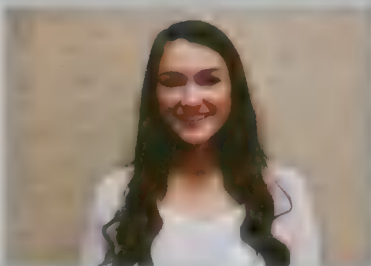


Senior **Tarrah Lasky** jumps to set the ball. "By working hard and believing in one another, we were able to reach amazing goals," **Lasky** said.



Junior **Noelle Eveland** gets ready to score.

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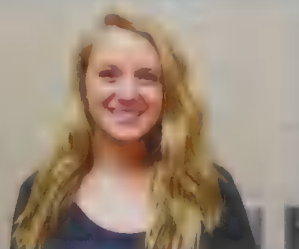


"My favorite part about volleyball this year was the girls. I loved my team and we had a lot of talent."
-**Anna Walls, 11**

"It doesn't matter if the [opposing] team is good, that should make you want to beat them even more."
-**Kate Bontrager, 10**

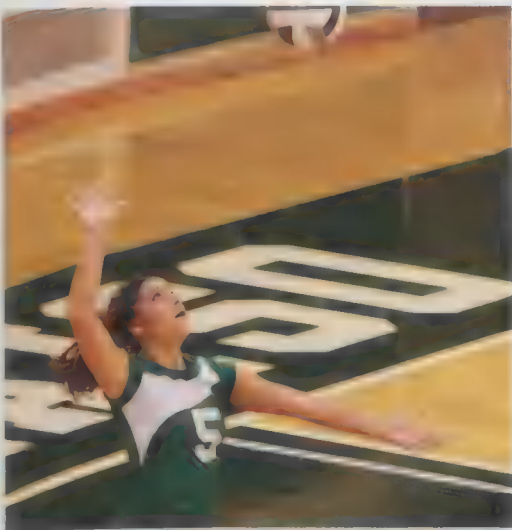


"We were always having fun and our chemistry showed when we played."
-**Alyssa Jones, 12**



"The biggest goal we accomplished this year was beating LaPorte in sectionals and then continuing on to win sectionals."
-**Madison Olsen, 12**





1. Senior Mary Bobos readies herself for the incoming ball.
2. The Lady Vikes work together to block the ball over the net.
3. Junior Noelle Eveland jumps for the ball.
4. The team stands at attention for the National Anthem before the game.
5. Senior Alyssa Jones, sophomore Timi Stiscak, and junior Anna Walls cheer on their teammates.



Tagged

Row 1 (L to R): Alyssa Jones, Anna Walls, Tarrah Lasky, Kate Bontrager, Kelsie Schutz, Mary Bobos
 Row 2: Coach Heather Treece, Noelle Eveland, Morgan Mikenas, Annie Clark, Timi Stiscak, Madison Olsen, Head Coach Katie Lenard



JV Volleyball

#thoughts

Info:

The junior varsity volleyball team steadily improved their skills throughout the season. In addition, the girls worked hard and enjoyed bonding as a team. "The best part of the season were the tournaments," said freshman **Dani Suiter**. In addition, beating the LaPorte Slicers was another memorable event for the team.

"My favorite part of the season was getting to know new people on the team," said sophomore **Elizabeth Rivich**. The team had a mix of returning sophomore players and new freshmen.

The season record was 29-4.



"The most challenging part of the season was fighting to the finish after the loss against Warsaw in a tournament championship."
-Katie Mulroe, 10

"I learned to keep on trying and never give up on what I loved to do from volleyball this season."

-Cassidy Robinson, 10



Sophomore **Valentina Matavulj** serves the ball over the net during a game.



During a match, sophomore **Emmy Chojecki** keeps her eye on the ball as she gets ready to pass.



Sophomore **Elizabeth Rivich** bumps the ball during a game.



Tagged

Row 1: (L-R) Emmy Chojecki, Liz Rivich, Gabby Brown, Cassidy Robinson, Julia Dalton

Row 2: Coach Jim Kaufman, Lauren Mack, Kennedy Minko, Dani Suiter, Tina Matavulj, Katie Mulroe

Freshman Volleyball



Info:

The freshman volleyball team worked hard and improved steadily during their season. They had pasta parties, took dinner trips, and made Dairy Queen runs. The girls became family as their season progressed and stayed that way the rest of the year.

"My goals for the season were for every player to have a positive season by improving as an individual and as a team, and also for them to learn to be part of a team, program, and a member of the VHS community," said **Coach Salomon**.

"The fun part of the season would have been spending so much time with all these girls," said freshman **Natalie Gruszka**.

The season record was 28-3.

"I think the best part of the season was coming together as pretty much twelve strangers at the start and getting to know each other."

-**Malorie Coyle, 9**

"The fun part of the season was going to tournaments and pasta parties with my teammates."

-**Olivia Murray, 9**



During a warmup, freshman **Malorie Coyle** spikes the ball while freshman **Andi Long** prepares for the next play.



Freshman **Malerie Mech** dives to the ground to dig the ball during a game.



During a volleyball game, freshman **Natalie Gruszka** moves backward while keeping an eye on the ball.

Tagged

Row 1: (L-R) Katie Smith, Malorie Coyle, Natalie Gruszka, Andi Long, Brooke Smith, Sami Cavanaugh

Row 2: Coach Michelle Salomon, Lauren Wong, Annie Rastovski, Adoree Bowgren, Malerie Mech, Olivia Murray, Rachel Wilburn





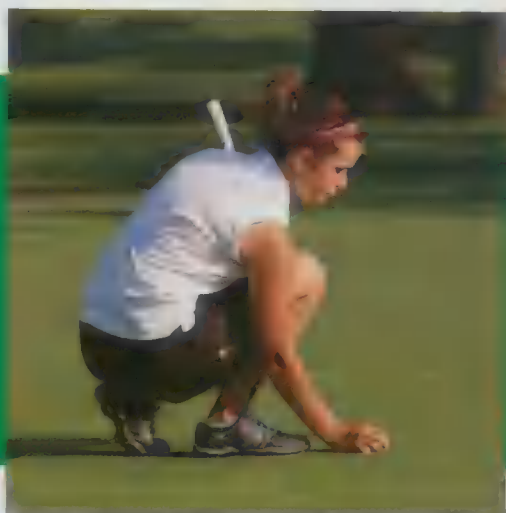
Girls' Golf

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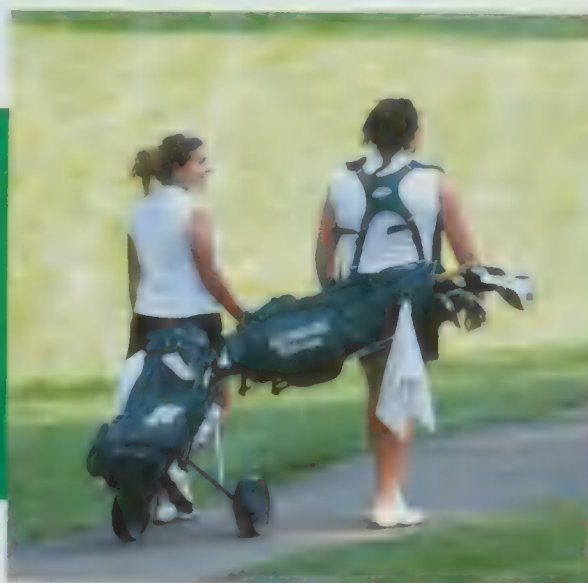
The girls' golf team sought success in their season and accomplished it with a fifth place finish at the state competition and a third place individual finish for junior **Harley Dubsky**. This was the highest finish by a Valparaiso girls' golfer. The team finished with a 10-1 season record. All of these achievements occurred from practicing on the golf course for three straight months.

"I learned [from playing golf] how to have a good mental attitude while playing," said junior **Brooke Fullenkamp**.

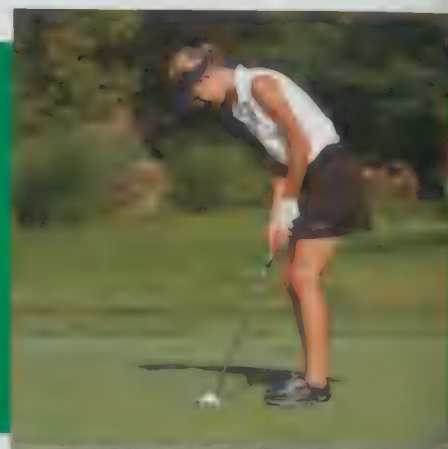
The team consisted of eleven golfers who dominated at both sectionals and regionals. "We had a wide variety of personalities, but the team got along and had lots of fun," said head coach **Bill Miller**.



Sophomore **Madison Macke** places her tee on the green.



While walking to the next hole, freshman **Natalie Fadell** and sophomore **Brooke Lyons** discuss their previous round.



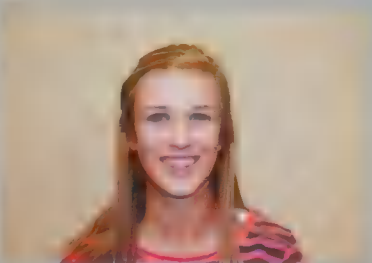
Sophomore **Brooke Fullenkamp** concentrates on lining up her swing on the putt.

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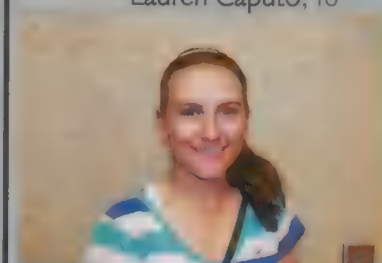
"My favorite part of the season was going down to state and getting the opportunity to play my final match in the state finals with my teammates."
-Mary Rooker, 12

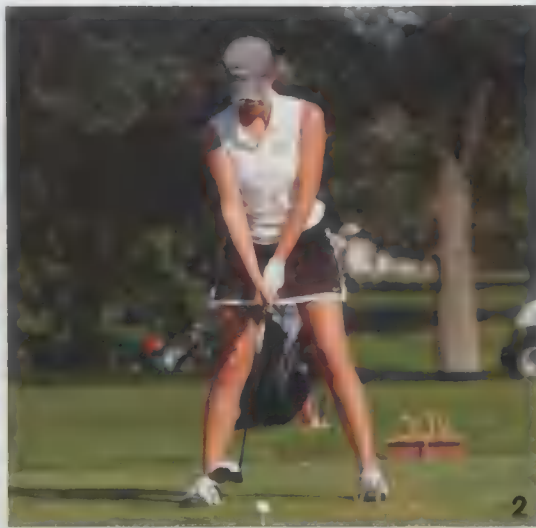
"My greatest achievement from this season was when I got my personal best score of 76. It was my first time breaking 80."
-Brooke Fullenkamp, 10



"[My greatest achievement from this season was] when I shot the DAC record 67 (-5) and tied for first."
-Harley Dubsky, 11

"My favorite memory was when we were on the bus ride home from Regionals and a song came on and all of us started singing and after a while, Coach Miller yelled *quiet down* while Harley was recording us on her phone."
-Lauren Caputo, 10





1. Senior **Mary Rooker** lines up her next putt on the hole.
2. Placing her driver in place, sophomore **Jennifer Gough** prepares to hit the ball down the green.
3. Junior **Harley Dubsy** completes her swing and looks to see where her ball landed.
4. The team practices before beginning their round.
5. Coaches **Bill Miller** and **John Gutierrez** speak to the golfers before the competition.



Tagged

Row 1 (L to R): **Makenzie D'Elia**, **Natalie Fadell**, **Peyton Freestone**, **Mary Rooker**, **Jennifer Gough**

Row 2: **Coach John Gutierrez**, **Lauren Caputo**, **Brooke Fullenkamp**, **Brooke Lyons**, **Madison Macke**, **Harley Dubsy**, **Head Coach Bill Miller**



Varsity Boys' Basketball

Info:

The varsity boy's basketball team made the past season one to remember for everyone. One of the most exciting moments during the season was beating the Merrillville Pirates on senior night. During sectionals, the boys made it past the first and second rounds by defeating the Portage Indians and their rivals, the Chesterton Trojans. After winning both of those games, the team earned themselves a spot in the sectional championship against the Merrillville Pirates. The boys lost this close game to the Pirates in overtime.

The basketball team was lead by head coach **Joe Otis**, along with assistant coaches **Brent Kimmel**, **Ben Lieske** and **Matt Thomas**. "My favorite part of being a boy's basketball coach was Game Night. There was nothing like a gym full of crazy Viking fans and the Pep Band playing," said **Otis**.



Standing with the ball, senior **Zach Meyer** looks for a teammate in order to make a pass.



During a timeout, the players listen to assistant **Coach Kimmel** as he draws out plays for them.



Senior **Brody Wilson** goes up to the basket for a layup against his opponent.

#thoughts



"What I liked most about playing was teamwork. When you had great teammates like this team, it made the game fun."
-Justin Osburn, 11

"My favorite part of being on the team was being a part of something that younger kids looked up to."
-Zach Meyer, 12



"What I liked most about playing basketball was playing with all my friends."
-John Mosser, 12

"My favorite memory from the season was beating Merrillville on Senior Night."
-Quentin Palmer, 12





1. Junior Justin Osburn dribbles down the court.
2. Varsity teammates gather in a huddle with their coaches before the start of the game.
3. Senior Tyler Doane holds on to the ball to try to keep it away from his opponent.
4. While opponents try to defend him, senior John Mosser shoots the ball toward the basket.
5. The Vikings shake hands with the Slicers at the end of the game.



Tagged

Row 1 (L to R): Jacob Hamer, Tyler Doane, Bret Boetel, Justin Osburn

Row 2: Manager Natalie Girman, Zach Meyer, Brody Wilson, Alex Healy, Manager Aubrey Carpenter

Row 3: Coach Matt Thomas, Quentin Palmer, Coach Ben Lieske, Coach Joe Otis, John Mosser, Coach Brent Kimmel



JV Boy's Basketball

#thoughts

Info:

The junior varsity team worked hard this season and finished the season with a record of 18-2. They were also DAC conference champions, with a record of 13-1. **Coach Matt Thomas** was proud of his players. "I enjoyed seeing the team persevere despite many obstacles. No matter how our lineup was affected by players who weren't there for various reasons, we almost always found a way to win," said **Thomas**.



Our teammates interacted pretty well, we helped each other out when we played and made each other better."
-Juan Gil, 10

"My favorite thing about playing basketball was the intensity in every game."
-Cole Wolf, 10



Sophomore **Brandon Nicholas** looks for an open shot as he takes the ball down the court.



Coach **Matt Thomas** gives his team a pep talk before the game begins.



Junior **Drew Paul** tries to get past his opponent as he attempts to take a shot.



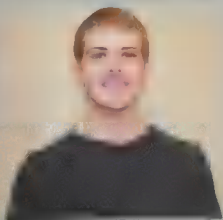
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Row 1: (L-R): Juan Gil, Max Jindra, Andrew Mears, Manager
Row 2: (L-R): Drake Barton, Brandon Nicholas, Drew Paul, Mitch Wszolek
Row 3: (L-R): Coach Matt Thomas, Alex Healy, Matt Hoyert, Conner Tenhove, Cole Wolf

Freshman Boys' Basketball



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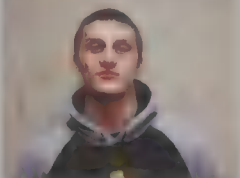
"My favorite thing about playing basketball was hanging out with all the guys at practice everyday."
-Jack Healy, 9

The freshman boys finished the season with a record of 11-7. Even though it was not what they hoped for, Coach **John Gutierrez** was proud of his players.

"We played hard and continued to grow throughout the year. The players would have preferred a few more wins, but overall, they improved individually and as a team," said **Gutierrez**.

Gutierrez loved seeing his players develop their playing skills.

"As teammates we all hung out, so we had really good chemistry."
-Jared Lasky, 9



Freshman **Evan Walls** gets ready to pass the ball to a teammate.



Freshman **Maquel Bridges** remains open for a pass from a Viking teammate.



Moving in for a layup against Chesterton, freshman **Jon Kilpinen** shoots a basket.



Tagged

Row 1: (L-R): Jon Kilpinen, Logan Meeter, Jack Clark

Row 2: (L-R): Josh Mears, Jared Lasky, Casey Villagran, Jack Healy, Steven Helm

Row 3: (L-R): Tony Kloss, Maquel Bridges, Dakota Overland, Bryce Crook, Jon Zygmunt, Evan Walls

Row 4: (L to R): Coach John Gutierrez, Baker Harris, John Gast, Jack Gabrish, Zach Bauer, Coach Casey McKim



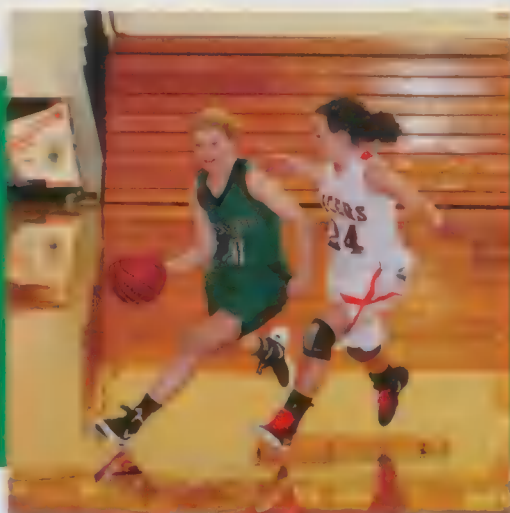
Varsity Girl's Basketball

Info:

During the challenges of the season, the Lady Vikes bonded as a "family-unit" to forge ahead while growing as individuals and players. Some of the highlights of the season included the victory against Chesterton on Senior Night and the win again Kankakee Valley. The season record was 3-18 and they were 1-13 in the DAC.

Coach **Jeanette Gray** and coach **Heidi Bernardi** both felt that the team became like a family. "I enjoyed the opportunity to work with a group of young girls who were eager to improve," said coach **Bernardi**.

"One highlight of the season was beating Highland. That game gave us some confidence to never give up. It was really exciting after the game to sign autographs for Meet The Vikes night and see how many young girls looked up to us," said senior **Alyssa Gates**.



Sophomore **Grace Withrow** dribbles the ball past a LaPorte player.



Junior **Yasmin Carrillo** and senior **Alyssa Gates** get motivated before a game. "We learned to never give up and to stay positive," said **Gates**.



After getting past LaPorte, senior **Andi Sarkisian** gets ready to take a shot.

#thoughts



"One of the highlights was beating Chesterton at our last home game. It was a definitely a great feeling because Chesterton wasn't expecting it."

-**Nicole Chiabai, 10**

"My favorite part about playing basketball was making friends that would last a lifetime. The team had an awesome time together."

-**Alyssa Gates, 12**



"Overall, the season was a blast. We grew as a team and as individuals, and it reinforced my love for basketball even more."

-**Andi Sarkisian, 12**

"This season we improved not only as teammates but as players every single day."

-**Kristina Veljovic, 11**





1. Junior Kassie Feczko prepares to shoot the ball.
2. During a game, junior Grace Withrow looks for an open pass.
3. Sophomore Grace Withrow and senior Alyssa Gates pump each other up for the game.
4. While being guarded by a LaPorte Slicer, junior Karlie Thorn looks around the court for a pass.
5. Senior Alyssa Gates looks for an open teammate so she can make the pass.



Tagged

- Row 1: (L-R)**- Coach Heidi Bernardi, Yasmin Carrillo, Head Coach Jeanette Gray, Stephanie Parker, Coach Lacy Romine
- Row 2: (L-R)**- Manager Gabriele Bengs, Kayla Gates, Alyssa Gates, Kristina Veljovic, Kassie Feczko, Manager Marisa Miller
- Row 3: (L-R)**- Tiara Lare, Karlie Thorn, Nicole Chiabai, Andi Sarkisian, Grace Withrow



JV Girl's Basketball

#thoughts

Info:

With a 12-6 season record, the junior varsity girl's basketball team worked hard in reaching their goals according to **Coach Lacy Romine**.

"The team had a great year because the players were close, both on and off of the floor. Our team chemistry was very strong. I enjoyed getting to work with such great student-athletes and an amazing staff! Also, seeing our players learn and improve throughout the season was very rewarding!" said **Romine**.



"The highlight of the season for me was meeting new people that are now close friends of mine, having great teammates who stayed positive."
-Lauren Caputo, 10

"My favorite part about basketball was spending time with teammates, and dancing in the locker room."

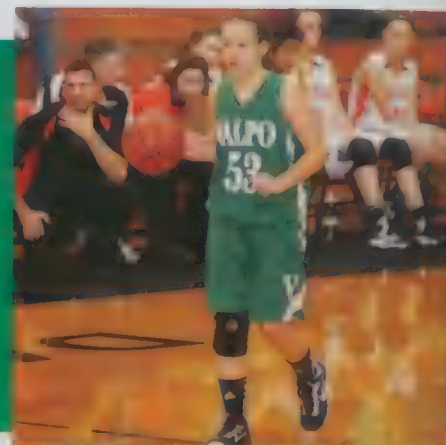
Maggie Meyer, 10



The team huddles around to listen to coach **Lacy Romine** discuss strategy.



Sophomore **Olivia Murray** goes in for a layup against a LaPorte player.



Sophomore **Lauren Caputo** moves the ball down the court.



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Row 1 (L to R): Alissa Anselm, Caroline Dykes, Kathryn Bower, Maggie Meyer

Row 2 (L to R): Lauren Caputo, Shelby Lemmon, Katie Thorn, Heather Fetla

Row 3 (L to R): Coach Heidi Bernardi, Olivia Murray, Varsity Coach Jeanette Gray, Tina Matavulj, Coach Lacy Romine

#thoughts

Freshman Girl's Basketball



Info:



"I loved playing basketball because my team became a second family."

-Mari Escobedo, 9

"One highlight of the season was when we had our last basketball game, the intensity was crazy and we came out playing a last great game."

-Mia Catarello, 9



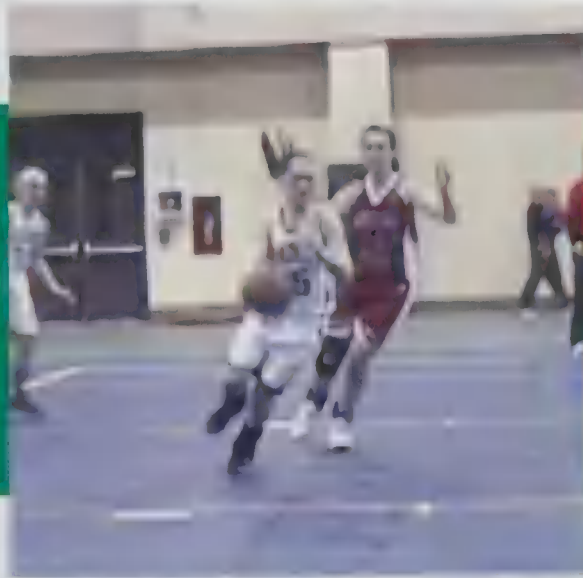
"Coach Hopps and I learned a lot about girls hoops! We enjoyed seeing all the girls improve their game from the beginning of the season," said **Coach Nick Slater**.

The girl's team finished the season with a 15-5 record. Coach Slater was pleased that the girls learned a lot during the season.

Lexi Ferngren said that her favorite part about basketball was making a really nice assist to a teammate.



During a game, coach Tim Hopps and Nick Slater discuss strategy with the girls.



Dribbling the ball, freshmen Andi Long looks for a pass.



Coach Tim Hopps and coach Nick Slater pose for a picture with their team during the winter awards banquet.



Tagged

Row 1 (L to R): Carmen Nelson, Alexis Ferngren, Cassie Bengs

Row 2 (L to R): Mari Escobedo, Brittany Brice, Rylie Vaughn, Teresa Redelman, Andi Long, Kaylee Neff

Row 3 (L to R): Coach Nick Slater, Katelyn Hagen, Mia Catarello, Jayde Berdovich, Coach Tim Hopps



Boy's Swimming and Diving

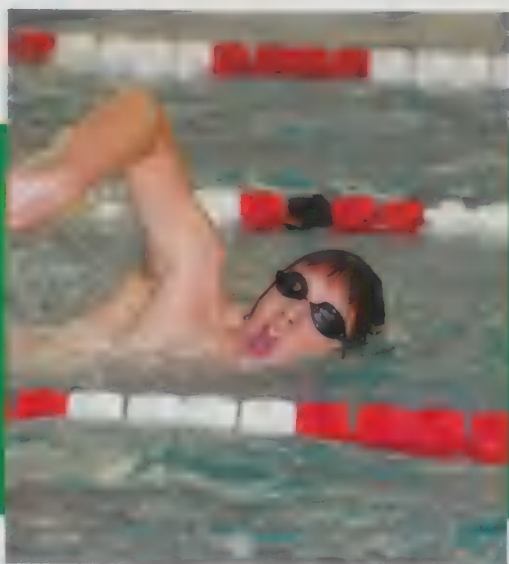
Info:

During the cold winter months, while most people were bundled up in their warm houses, thirty-one dedicated members of the boy's diving/swimming team chose to make the VHS pool their home-away-from home.

"It was always a personal goal of both the swimming and diving team to send people to state. We were very fortunate during the past years to do so, this year was no different," said junior **Mark Davidson**.

Coach Adam Nellessen was very proud of the boy's performance and their attitudes towards the season both in and outside the pool.

"We had a good group of guys who were always willing to work very hard, and we always gave it our best," said **Coach Nellessen**. The boys placed second in the DAC and second in Sectionals. The boys ended their season with a season record of 7-3.



Senior **Daniel Courtney** takes a breath while competing in his 100 freestyle race.



Senior **Trevor Stalbaum** waits in anticipation to begin the race in the VHS pool.

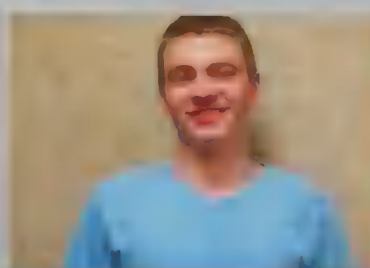


Junior **Andrew Antonetti** uses proper technique while using the butterfly stroke.

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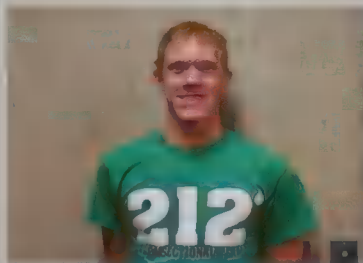


"Work your hardest and you can achieve your goals."
-Kevin Mangel, 11.



"I love learning new dives and seeing them develop throughout the season."
-Muyenda Burnett, 12.

"My favorite part of swimming was getting in shape and having fun with the guys."
-Dan Courtney, 12.



"My favorite part of being on the swimming team was all the pasta parties we had."
-Mark Davidson, 11.





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1. Perfecting his dive, senior Zach Schwartz makes a splash in the competition.
2. Swimmers and divers anxiously wait for the swimming and diving meet to begin.
3. Senior Muyenda Burnett executes his dive during the meet.
4. VHS swimmers dive off the block.
5. Motivating his swim team, Coach Adam Nellessen gives the boys some last minute advice.



Tagged

Row 1 (L&R): Noah Bennett, Mark Davidson, Evan Curry, Trevor Stalbaum, Theodore Tripodis

Row 2 (L&R): Chuck Vamos, Timothy Blue, Max Keating, Trevor Mahlmann, Kevin Mangel, John Buggeln, Manager Emilee Wilson

Row 3 (L&R): Cory Caldwell, Darian Low, Muyenda Burnett, Nicholas Boubourekas, Zach Schwartz, Isiah Javier, Nicholas Schwartz

Row 4 (L&R): Coach Adam Nellessen, Alex Rastovski, Andrew Antonetti, Matt Scarsella, Austin Kemp, Manager Riley Sunday, Coach Scott Valpatic

Row 5 (L&R): Adam Sandberg, Vaughan Hanson, Reid Curry, Rainer Neis, Mark Memsic, Josh Schlichting, Joel Uban, Kevin Tognetti, Jacob Vargas
(Not pictured) Joey Carbello and Dan Courtney



Girl's Swimming and Diving

Info:

The girl's swimming and diving team finished fourth in the DAC, and second at sectionals during the season. Each swimmer or diver set personal goals, such as improving their ideal goal time and qualifying for state. Balancing homework, practices, and social lives as well as the morning practices were a few of the most difficult parts of the season.

"The best part of the season was getting to know all the new girls and really bonding as a team by the end of the season! Also, having the entire sectional team make it to sectional finals," said sophomore **Mary Cobble**.

"To see the look of surprise, awe, and elation on the swimmer's faces when they achieved their goals was the best part of the season for me," said **Coach Pete Sattler**. The season record was 6-4.



At the Munster meet, sophomore **Allison Poole** prepares to dive.



Sophomore **Bailey Henderlong** swims the breast stroke.



During the Munster meet, sophomore **Ireland McLinn** completes a dive.

#thoughts



"My favorite dives were the reverse dive tuck and front double tuck."
-Lindsey Nigro, 9

"Hands down, my favorite memory was at Munster when I finally received my third lettering time [that] I needed to get my lettering title."
-Bailey Henderlong, 10

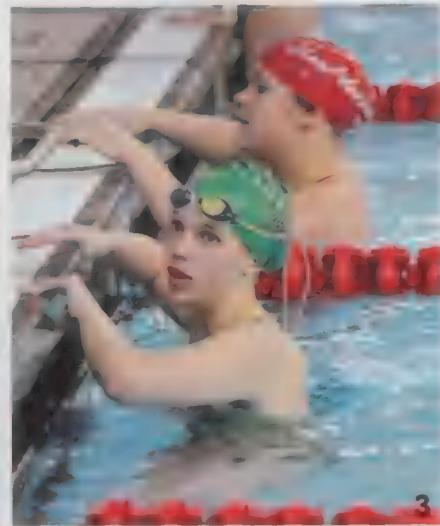


"The best part of the season was going to practice everyday knowing that I was going to be with my friends having fun."
-Claudia Airey, 11



"While I found it exciting to be the senior helping our freshmen girls become part of the team; at the same time, there was sadness knowing that for me everything was coming to an end."
-Kaitlyn Steffus, 12





1. Senior Kaitlyn Steffus, the 100 butterfly state qualifier, poses with senior state diving qualifier Khalela El-Naggar and team captain Liz Schlichting
2. Freshman Lauren Marciniak and senior Kaitlyn Steffus take their diving positions.
3. After finishing her race, freshman Lauren Marciniak waits to see her time.
4. Junior Liz Schlichting, sophomore Erin Delahunty, freshman Annie Rastovski, sophomore Mary Cobble, and senior Marisa Cain cheer on their fellow teammates.
5. Erin Delahunty waits for her results at the Munster meet.



Tagged

Row 1: (L-R) Lauren Griffith, Rebecca Gronceski, Alex Jacobs, Alaina Martin, Madison Whitler, Lindsey Nigro, Kaitlyn Steffus

Row 2: Sydney Perry, Natalie Lichtenberger, Stephanie Burge, Natalie Wirsing, Elizabeth Schlichting, Carissa Steele, Abigail Zombik, Madison Sloan, Manager Riley Sunday

Row 3: Vanessa Delagado, Allison Poole, Allison Drever, Bailey Henderlong, Kami Kleefisch, Taylor Dixon, Courtney Turner, Lauren Marciniak, Brianna Konrad, Claudia Airey

Row 4: Coach Pete Sattler, Sophie Lutz, Mary Cobble, Erin Delahunty, Meara Keen, Audrey Belancin, Annie Rastovski, Alexis Bluhm, Coach Kristen Siminski, Coach Brian Valpatic

Row 5: Corinne Lemarie, Alison Mundell, Taylor McBride, Marisa Cain, Samaah Al-Najjar, Shannon Brown, Ireland McLinn, Khalela El-Naggar, Emily Scarsella, Erica Zaragoza



Gymnastics

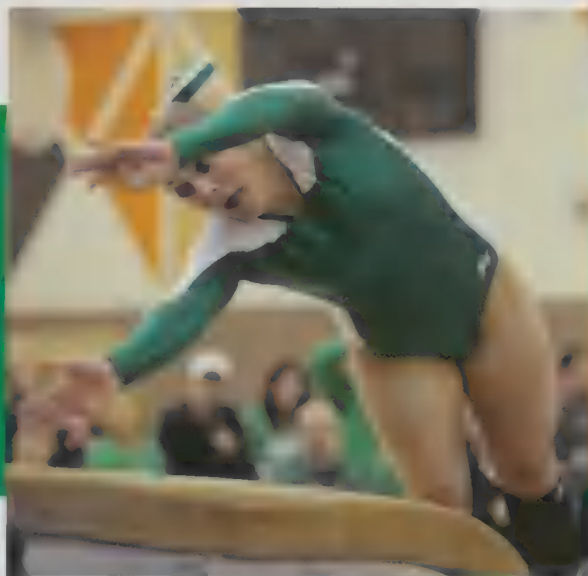
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"Gymnastics involved four different events that you had to be strong and specialize in. We didn't have balls or bats. It was just us performing," said junior **Tayla Kobitz**.

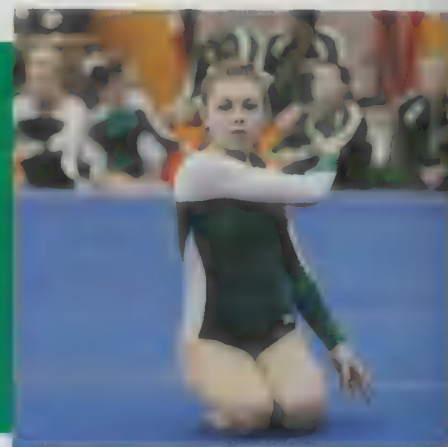
Perfection often described the Valparaiso High School gymnastics team. Under the leadership of head coach **Lorie Cook** and assistant coach **Becky Juergens**, the girls achieved many awards this season such as DAC conference champions, sectional champions, regional champions, and state runner-up title. The state competition was at Ball State University. Senior **Morgan Algozine** won vault and uneven bars, freshman **Lia Milroy** placed fourth on uneven bars, and seniors **Emily Crosmer**, **Hannah Erwin**, and sophomores **Rushelle Miller** and **Caroline Miller** provided the needed depth to make it happen according to **Coach Lorie Cook**.



Gymnasts chalk up their hands for better grip before beginning the bars event.



Senior **Emily Crosmer** concentrates as she approaches the vault.



With her teammates watching, freshman **Lexi Sissell** performs her floor routine.

#thoughts



"When competing, you had to balance power with grace and on top of all of that, control your nerves."
-**Morgan Algozine**, 12

"Not many people can do what gymnasts do, so it kind of makes it that much better."

-**Hannah Erwin**, 12

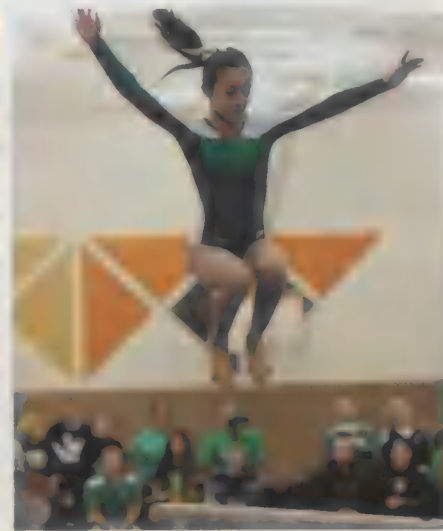
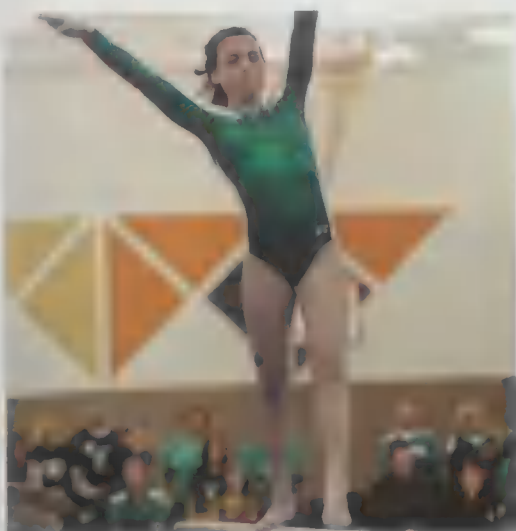


"The highlight of this season was beating the reigning state champs at Concordia."
-**Emily Ball**, 10

"I loved gymnastics because all of the hard work you put into practice paid off at the meets."

-**Amanda McDonald**, 11





1. Keeping her balance, freshman **Liz Milroy** performs her beam routine.
2. With her coach standing by, sophomore **Cylie Miller** dismounts off the vault.
3. Freshman **Sydney Intagliata** jumps off the beam and prepares for her landing.
4. Before the meet begins, gymnasts walk out from the locker room.
5. Senior **Morgan Algozine** runs toward the vault.



Tagged

Row 1 (L to R): Lia Milroy, Alex Walters, Caroline Miller, Brittany Marchetti, Emily Crosmer, Lexi Sissell, Lindsey Walsh, Sydney Intagliata, Amanda McDonald
Row 2: Emily Lynch, Morgan Algozine, Tayla Kobitz, Cylie Miller, Rushelle Miller, Emily Ball, Hanna Wilson
Row 3: Elizabeth Brown, Kim Clausen, Julia Manion, Jenna Roganovich, Hannah Erwin, Mia Baker



Varsity Wrestling

#thoughts

Info:

The varsity wrestling team finished off the year with a record of 16-10. They placed fourth in the DAC behind three top ten ranked teams. Also, beating Lowell and Chesterton were highlights of the season as these teams were their toughest opponents.

"My favorite part of this year was being able to walk in the parade of champions at Banker's Life Stadium. This was at the State Finals for wrestling," said Coach **Matt Hemry**.



[Advice I would give to future wrestlers is] to work hard and focus everyday on improving yourself and accomplishing your goals."
Max Buckley, 12

"Helping my teammates improve everyday was my favorite part of wrestling."

John Halfman, 12



Senior **Alex Bravo** greets his LaPorte opponent with a handshake at the center of the mat.



During his round, junior **Darius Ginn** faces off against his competitor as the referee looks on.



Senior **John Halfman** pins the LaPorte wrestler to the floor.



Tagged

Row 1 (L to R): Manager Kate Enos, Chris Gallo, Alex Bravo, Ricardo Rosario Hoover, Tyler Schwartz, John Halfman, Mackenzie Neal, Manager Lauren Platt
Row 2: Manager Camille Sisk, George Krummel, Max Buckley, Derrick Suttles, Riley George, Angelo Madrigal, Manager Rebecca Riley, Manager Courtney Smith
Row 3: Head Coach Jim Smith, Coach Jake Plesac, Ian Suttles, Nicholas Greco, Elliot Granados, Darius Ginn, Luke Davis, Coach Matt Hemry

JV Wrestling



Info:



"My favorite part about wrestling was about how much we were like a family because we could joke around and get down to business."
-Jarrett Bravo, 9

The junior varsity wrestling team completed the year with a record of 8-2. The team competed in tournaments during the season and contributed to the momentous defeat of Chesterton and Lowell.

"Representing Valparaiso High School in the wrestling tournaments, and cheering on my teammates as they wrestled [was a memorable part of the season]," said sophomore **Clinton Welton**.

"[The most memorable part of the season was] representing Valparaiso High School in the wrestling tournaments, and cheering on my teammates as they wrestled."
-Clinton Welton, 10



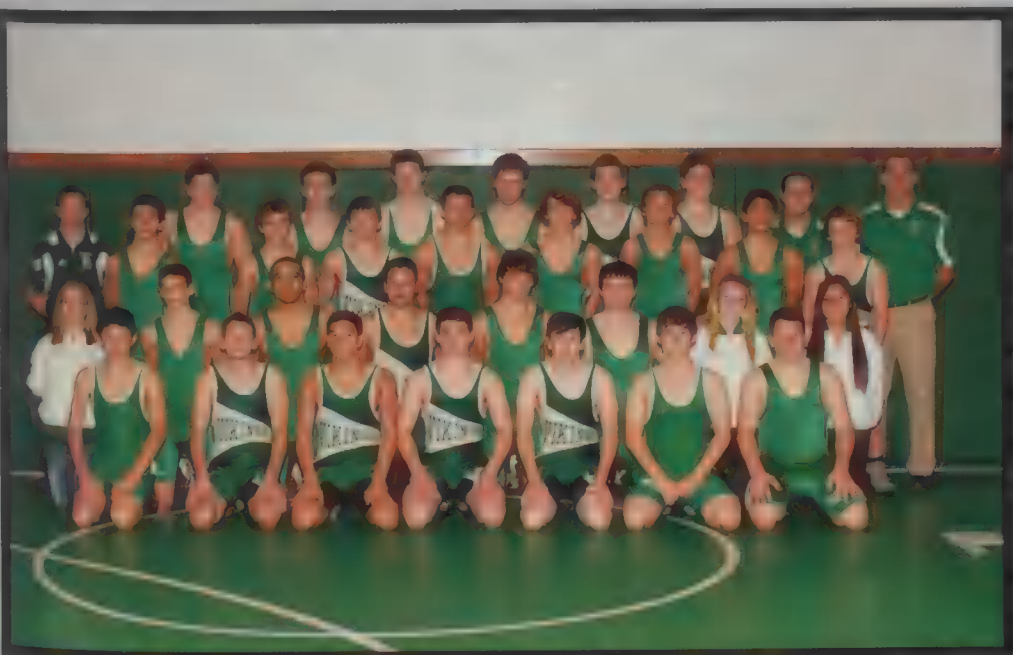
Coach **Matt Hemry** and Head Coach **Jim Smith** watch their wrestlers during the match.



Sophomore **Collin Vinyard** pins his LaPorte opponent at the meet.



Pressing the other wrestler to the ground, sophomore **Austin Garbison** earns points during his round.



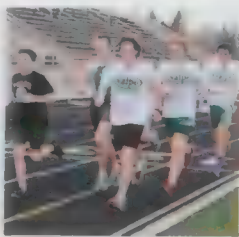
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Row 1(L to R): Michael Nieto, Joe Pimentel, Collin Vinyard, Jared Rafferty

Row 2: Manager Lily York, Jared McMaster, Xavier Garcia, Tyler Hodge, Manager Alyson Banks, Manager Vikki Flores

Row 3: Jake Cummins, Jakob Haney, Austin Line, Chase Galipeau, Tristan Dembowski, Jarrett Bravo, Sean Galipeau

Row 4: Coach Matt Hemry, John Nowosad, Ian Jones, Alexander Kukurugya, Austin Garbison, Clinton Welton, Sam Nowosad, Coach Jake Plesac, Head Coach Jim Smith



Boys' Track

Info:

As the end of the school year approached, the boys raced to reach their final season goals. Two teams consisting of the 4X400 and 4X800 teams went to state. In addition, athletes who also competed at the state level in individual events included seniors **Josh Marciniak, Peyton Reed, Pat Reilly, and Xavier Reed.**

"I enjoyed coaching track because I liked helping people set their own personal goals, and helping them work hard to achieve them," said **Coach Brett Polizotto.** Highlights of the season included: winning the indoor DAC and placing third at the Ben Davis Relays. They were also DAC outdoor champions and placed 4th at regional, and they were sectional champions.

"It was an awesome experience being on the boy's track team. It was a major goal for us to make it to state especially for the seniors," said **Jake Chapman.**

The boys finished their season with a 6-1 record.



Senior **Andrew Kittridge** shows his agility by clearing the hurdles.



Senior **Muyenda Burnett** competes in the long jump event.

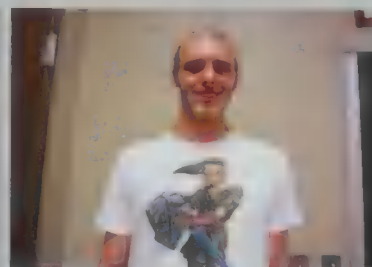


Senior **Taylor Bisacchi** competes in the 4X800 relay race. Bisacchi, along with teammates Peyton Reed, Connor Ritzi, and Kevin Hickey placed 11th in the state competition.

#thoughts



"The best part about track for me was getting mentally and physically stronger as a result of training."
-Peter Fink, 12



"I met some of my closest friends in track."
-Tyler Smaga, 12

"I started track my sophomore year and continued throughout high school because of my friends."
-Pat Reilly, 12

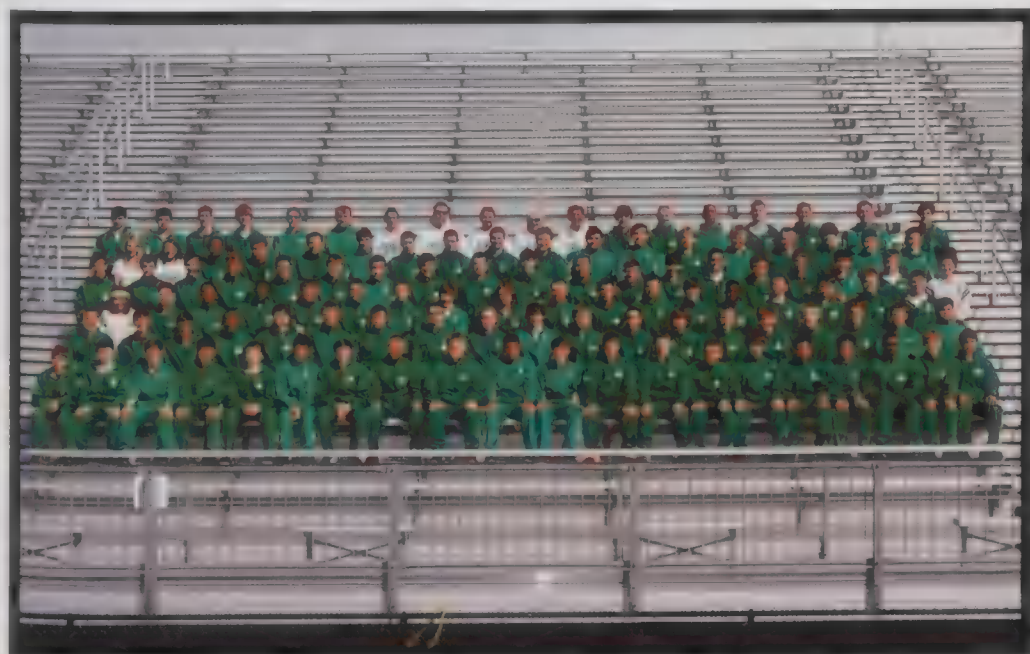


"Track became a part of my life."
-Josh Marciniak, 12





1. Senior Peter Fink and junior Kevin Mangel push to the finish line.
2. Senior Angelo Madrigal completes his lap.
3. Junior Steven Gerry prepares to pole vault over the bar.
4. The Valpo Boys' Track long distance team included Peyton Reed, Pat Dalton, and Andrew Lyp, took the lead during the two mile race.
5. Senior Jack Hreha receives the baton during the 4X4 relay.



Tagged

- Row 1 (L-R): Nick Schwartz, Austin Line, Anthony Nieves, Yutaro Noda, Joe Carebello, Joe Keenan, Adam Foust, John Halfman, Sean Curtis, Isaiah Javier, Taylor Murphy, Adam Miller, Aaron Miller, Josh Runyan, Isaac Beschinski, Marc Collins, Darian Low, Emmanuel Williams, Corey Sanders, Ricardo Rosario.
- Row 2 (L-R): Tyler Smaga, Matt Napiowocki, Daniel Dalton, Muyenda Burnett, Carmen Zubik, Mark Johnson, Pat Reilly, John Buggeln, Kevin Mangel, Corey Alfredson, Jake Southwell, Charles Banks, Paul Nelson, Alex Jobbe, Andrew Jankowski, Alex Horb, Gabe Brewer, Aaron Finley, Jacob Stewart.
- Row 3 (L-R): Sabrina Pierotti (Manager), Kenton Greene, Steven Helm, Dayo Ugundipe, Isaac Withrow, Zach Knoll, Trevor Hamill, Camden Davidson, Ari Coulopolos, Mark Halfman, Abdullah Aljoben, Nick Jobbe, Isaiah Smith, Aaron Brown, Vincent Milton, Zach Buchwalter, Jack Hreha, Angelo Madrigal.
- Row 4 (L-R): Peyton Reed, Kevin Hickey, Xavier Reed, Pat Dalton, Peter Fink, Jacob Linn, Drew Finley, Andrew Lyp, Jack Feltagen, Logan Stewart, Ben Staples, Bryce Bartolomeo, Connor Rhein, Drew Paul, Oscar Palm, Brian McChristain, Steven Gerry, Joel Suchak, Bri Konrad (Manager).

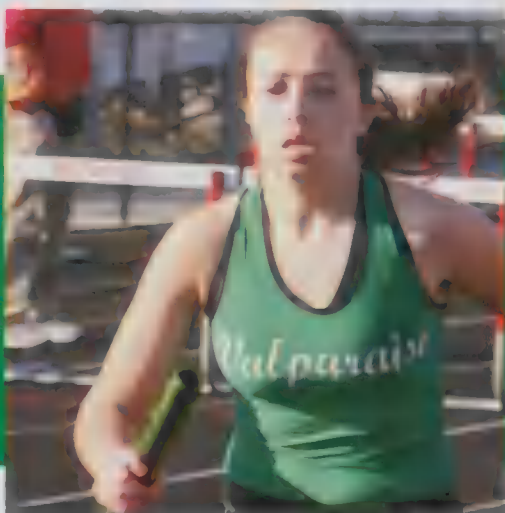


Girl's Track

Info:

The girl's track program at Valparaiso High School was not just about the practices and the meets. Many of the girls gained friendships and a work ethic that helped them throughout their lives. **Adam "Boomer" Nellessen** was the new head coach, but he received assistance from assistant coaches **Lauren Hardesty**, **Leo Van Laan**, and **Allie Goodpaster**. With these new changes came new success. The team finished fourth at the DAC competition, third at sectionals, eighth at regionals, and they were honored to have senior **Kassidy Swenson** participate in the state final meet.

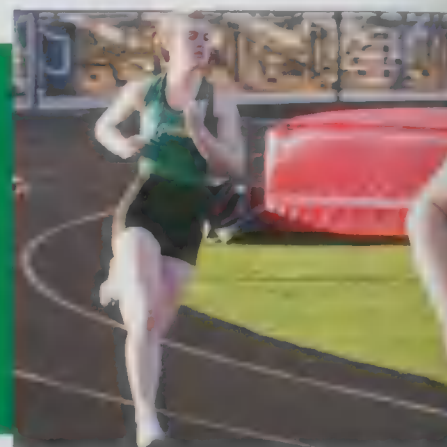
"My favorite part about being in track was watching myself and my teammates continue to improve and get faster," said senior **Kassidy Swenson**.



After receiving the baton from her teammate during the relay race, freshman **Alexis Ferngren** sprints to the finish.

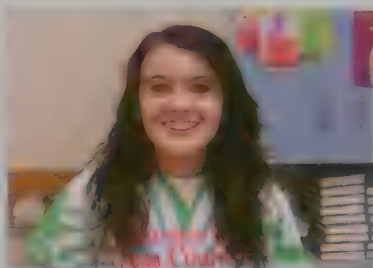


Jumping over a hurdle, senior **Kassidy Swenson** focuses on the finish line in the hopes of a win.



Coming around the curve, senior **Carley Lemmon** paces herself for the long distance race.

#thoughts



"I started doing track in sixth grade, and I loved it so much that I decided to stick with it."
-Jolene Vincel, 12.

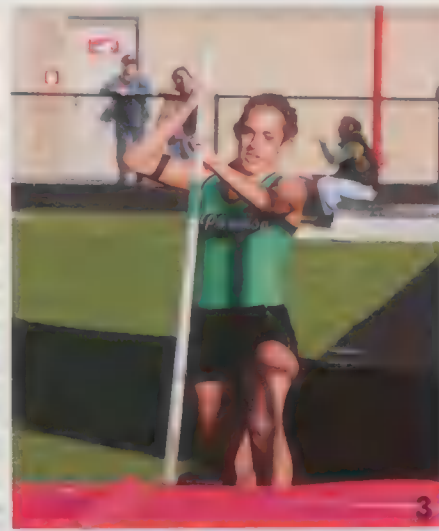
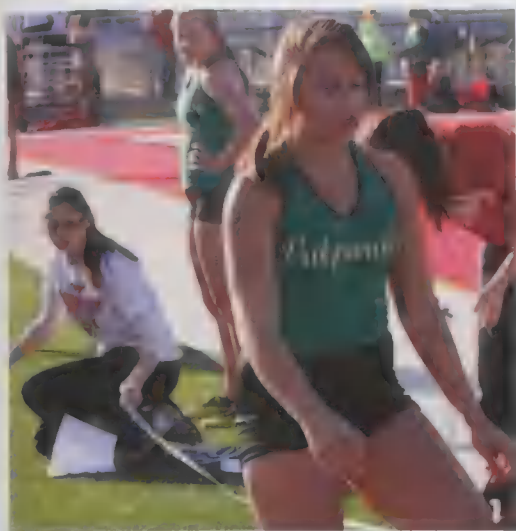
"My favorite part about track was becoming close with my teammates throughout the season."
-Emily Owens, 11.



"My favorite part about track was working hard towards a goal and achieving it with my teammates."
-Marilee Tullis, 11.

"My favorite part about track was getting to know the throwers from all around the area and being outside in the nice weather."
-Dorian Manion, 11.





1. Sophomore **Alexis Barnes** catches her breath after she takes her turn competing in long jump.
2. Practicing good form, sophomore **Hannah Pixley** clears the hurdle during her race.
3. Before competing in high jump, sophomore **Heather Fetla** practices with the pole.
4. Starting at the curve, the runners begin their sprint as the gun goes off.
5. Runners leap over hurdles during the 200 meter hurdle race.



Tagged

- Row 1 (L to R): Sydney Naisbush, Amanda Smaga, Hannah Zygmunt, Dowie McCorkel, Mary Rooker, Emily Chupack, Sam Enloe, Kaley Clapp, Brittany Marchetti, Lily York, Maggie Welsh, Sam Cavanaugh
- Row 2: Kassadey Swenson, Jolene Ymuel, Andrea Vismanti, Carley Lemmon, Karren Billette, Emily Catlin, Mackenzie Cavanah, Melissa Szmagaj, Stephanie Clymer, Alissa Anselmi, Gabby Brown
- Row 3: Alex Jacobs, Alana Martin, Anna Walls, Grace Tulloch, Kelly Lyle, Shelby Klenarski, Abby Zygmunt, Jessica Hozar, Erin Shaw, Paige Williams, Sara Fienmeier, Mary Escobedo
- Row 4: Keisey Brewer, Caroline Miller, Elle Joli, Lexi Ferngren, Nicole Isroff, Cara Walker, Marie Wising, Hanna Wilson, Alena Tronice, Rachel Greenwald, Kristina Cavanaugh
- Row 5: Malene Meeks, Marilee Tullis, Alison Mandell, Alexsa Reed, Briana Zaragoza, Britanni Silva, Alexis Barnes, Colette Collins, Alyson Feuzko, Timmyka Balarad, Jolie Pouquet, Dorian Marion
- Row 6: Hannah Pixley, Chloé Williams, Daniela Backstrom, Bre Eklund, Olivia Murray, Michaela Gaidich, Jamie Joselyn, Maddie Weller, Aurora Blumert, Princes Daniels, Porter, Gill Johnson
- Row 7: Dani Thame, Heather Fetla, Shelby Lemmon, Nicole Chana, Coach Goodpaster, Coach Hardisty, Coach Van Laan, Coach "Boomer" Nelissen, Riley Sunday, Tina Matavulj, Taylor Kovats



Varsity Baseball

Info:

Under the leadership of team captains **Jeff Holmes** and **CJ Gear**, the varsity baseball team finished their season with a record of 11-2. According to varsity coach **Dave Coyle**, the team was 6-8 in the conference with a fourth place finish.

"This team had to deal with a lot of adversity and with it came great composure," said Coyle.

One highlight of the season according to Coyle was winning the Culver Invitational a third year in a row. In addition, Coyle was proud of how his team interacted together. "I thought the team got along great!" he said.

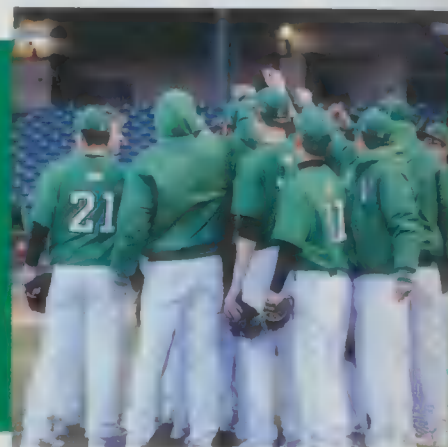
"I enjoyed seeing the student athletes improve toward the end of the season," said Coyle.



Junior **Jeremy Post** winds up for a pitch.



Standing outfield, junior **Andrew Page** gets in position to catch the ball.



The varsity team unites in a huddle right before playing their game.

#thoughts



"The best thing about playing baseball is the competition of the D.A.C and team bonding."

-Alec Judy, 12

"Play every game like it is your last."

-Jeff Holmes, 12



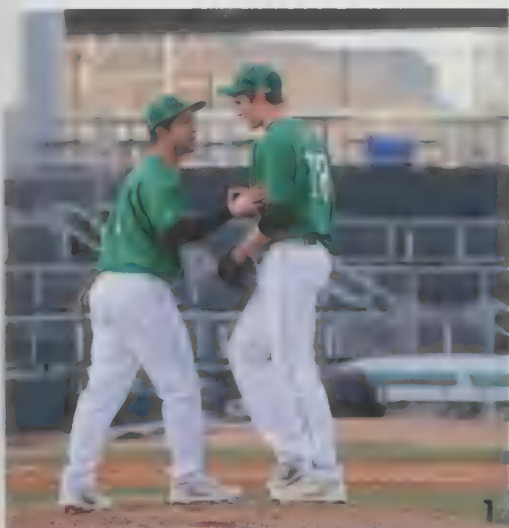
"The best part about the game is being able to go out everyday and prove everyone wrong."

-CJ Gear, 12

"I decided to join baseball because being part of a team is fun and making new friends is a great experience."

-Andrew Page, 11





1. Senior Rene Lozano gives sophomore Tyler Ellrich a pep talk before starting the game.
2. Senior Alec Judy throws a fast ball to his opponent.
3. Sophomore Tyler Ellrich prepares himself while at bat.
4. The varsity boy's baseball team lines up before the game.
5. Senior Stephen Simms prepares to hit the ball.



Tagged

Row 1: (L-R): Coach Dave Coyle, Andrew Page, Drew Weston, Tyler Ellrich, Alec Judy, Coach Todd Evans, Coach Chad Evans

Row 2: (L-R): Alex Bales, Rene Lozano, Jeremy Post, Jeff Holmes, CJ Gear, Devin Bafia

Row 3: (L-R): Ethan Lehnen, Stephen Simms, Makayla Coyle, Katie Mulroe, Aubrey Carpenter, Jared Folke, Sam Miller



JV Baseball

#thoughts

Info:

"The best thing one can do when it's raining is to let it rain," said American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. **Coach Chance Garbison** certainly understood the sentiment of Longfellow's quote as the junior varsity team had to deal with bad weather and rain outs during the season while trying to find playing time for everyone.

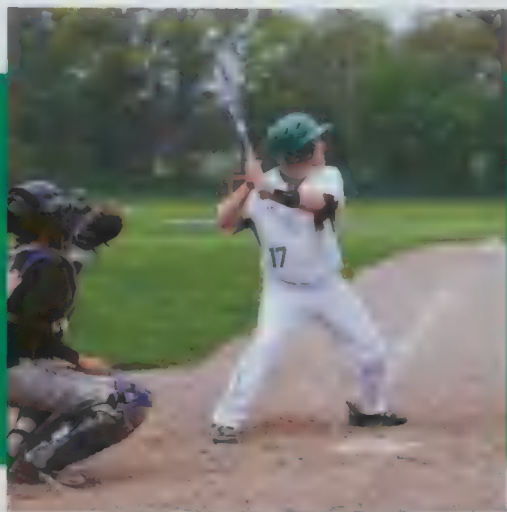
Despite the challenges, Garbison found bright spots during the season. "They were a fantastic group of young men who enjoyed the game of baseball while making my job fun and easy," said Garbison.



"My favorite memory was when we came back to beat Portage 14-13 after being down 5-12."
-Andj Lehen, 10

"The best part of the season was when I hit a homerun against Chesterton."

-Dominic Snemis, 10



During the Merrillville game, sophomore **Dominic Snemis** keeps his eye on the ball while at bat.



Junior **Elliot Granados** winds up for the pitch.



Sophomore **Andrew Lehen** keeps his eye on the ball while playing second base.



Tagged

Row 1: (L-R) Manager Monica Richel, Billy Rollings, Joe Pimentel, Jake Pancek, Alex Yiankes, Manager Ann Keimig
Row 2: Dominic Snemis, Andrew Lehen, Alfonso Casaday, Kyle Miller, Ryan Wexelberg, Kyle Brown
Row 3: Matt Mayes, Michael Jindra, Elliot Grandos, Justin Duty, Jack Andrie, Max Roberts, Coach Chance Garbison

Freshman Baseball



Info:

Casey Stengel, the former American Major League Baseball manager, once said, "Gettin' good players was easy. Gettin'em to play together was the hard part." Team bonding, however, wasn't a problem for coach **Nick Slater**.

"I believed all of our players improved throughout the season and had a fun time playing baseball," said Coach Slater. According to the Slater, the goals for the season included winning the Portage Invitational as well as seeing improvements from each player.

The team finished the season with a 13-5 record and they were DAC champs.

#thoughts

"My favorite position to play was pitcher."
-Mike Nieto, 9



"The most difficult part of the season was losing to Highland and LC when blowing the leads."
-Evan Walls, 9



Freshman **Jordon Swenson** pitches the ball.



At bat, freshman **Sam Klemz** prepares to hit the ball.



During the Merrillville game, freshman **Jon Kilpinen** prepares to throw the ball to his teammate.

Tagged

Row 1: (L-R) Manager Malorie Coyle, Austin White, Robby Schneider, Evan Walls, Ben Hardwick, Tristan Dembowski, Manager Anita Angon

Row 2: (L-R) Tony Kloss, Jared Thompson, Chris Orlich, Jordon Swenson, Jon Kilpinen, Bryce Crook, Mike Nieto

Row 3: (L-R) Coach Jake Plesac, Jared McMaster, Sam Klemz, Austin Ford, Jack Healy, Jared Lasky, Dylan Johnson, Coach Nick Slater





Varsity Softball

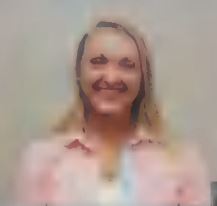
#thoughts

Info:

The varsity softball team had many highlights this season including double digit wins, playing hard each and every night, and reaching their goals with hard work according to coach **Tracy Corneil**.

The record for the season was 14-13. Team captains were seniors **Natalie Girman, Molly Grant, Andi Sarkisian, and Gabrielle Vinyard**.

"The thing I enjoyed most about coaching was working with the girls to be the best softball players and people they could be," said **Corneil**.



"My favorite thing about softball was being out on the field playing with my team. I loved the unity and hardwork we used during the game."
-Natalie Girman, 12

"The team worked really well together. We pushed each other to become better and always had fun."
-Molly Grant, 12



Senior **Gabrielle Vinyard** sprints to the base.



Junior **Anna Beischer** makes her way to second base after hitting the ball.



After swinging to hit the ball, freshman **Kaylee Neff** prepares for a run to the base.



Tagged

Row 1: (L-R): Coach Tracy Corneil, Evann Grabow, Kennedy Minko, Megan Krantz, Kathy Minko, Andi Sarkisian, Coach Becky Rodriguez

Row 2: (L-R): Anna Beischer, Abbey Thomas, Olivia Vinyard, Natalie Girman, Molly Grant, Ashley Kleist, Mimi Austin

#thoughts



"My favorite thing about softball was hanging out with my friends and I got to play my favorite game every day!"
-Meghan Gallagher, 10

"I honestly could not ask for a better team, every one of those girls are amazing at softball and we really came together to make it a great season!"
-Sarah Beischer, 10



JV Softball



Info:

Coach Lindsay Morris thought that the girls all bonded and worked effectively as a team this season and she said this was one of the main reasons the team had such a successful season.

The record for the season was 17 wins and 7 losses. Team captains were Sarah Beischer and Mary Jancovich.

"My most memorable highlight from this season is when we came together as a team to beat Crown Point 7-6, while we scored 7 runs in one inning. It was great," said sophomore Sarah Beischer.



Freshman **Cassandra Bengs** steps up to bat.



After a play, sophomore **Mary Jancovich** runs past a LaPorte player towards home plate.



Freshman **Desirea Richmond** follows through with her swing.



Tagged

Row 1: (L-R): Coach Lindsay Morris, Mary Jancovich, Amber Allums, Desirea Richmond, Meghan Gallagher, Jenna Roganovich, Coach Fry
Row 2: (L-R): Hannah Walsh, Kaylee Neff, Liset Hernandez, Brooke Carr, Sarah Beischer, Cassandra Bengs



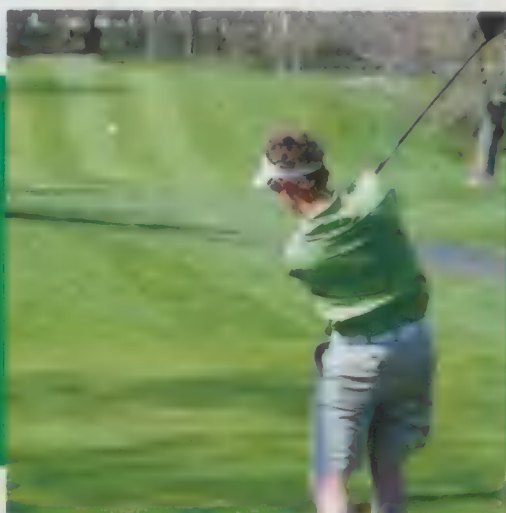
Boy's Golf

Info:

In his 26th season as the Valpo coach, **Wayne Lichtenberger** made yet another trip to The Legends Golf Club to watch his fourth-ranked Vikings compete in the IHSAA state golf championship held in Franklin, Indiana. The Vikings had a two-day total of 612 in the competition and they finished in 12th place.

"I have most enjoyed watching the sportsmanship exhibited by our players," said **Lichtenberger**. "I have really enjoyed watching my six seniors play their last high school golf season."

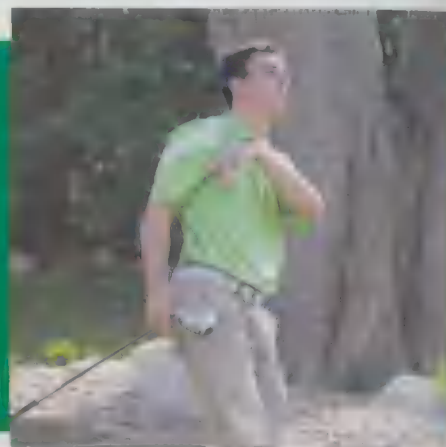
Those six seniors were **Kyle Meihofer**, **Bobby Jacobs**, **Andrew Gariup**, **Patrick Andrie**, **Tyler Doane**, and **Alex Pancek**.



Sophomore **Brandon Hamill** completes his swing.



Sophomore **TJ Kalin** chooses the right golf club for his round.



Jacob Woodward, junior, looks to where his ball will land on the green.

#thoughts



"I decided to play golf because I loved the sport and I wanted to do something that challenged me in a variety of ways."

-Thomas Walsh, 11

"My favorite part about being on the team was hanging out with everyone. They were all cool guys."

-Brandon Hamill, 10



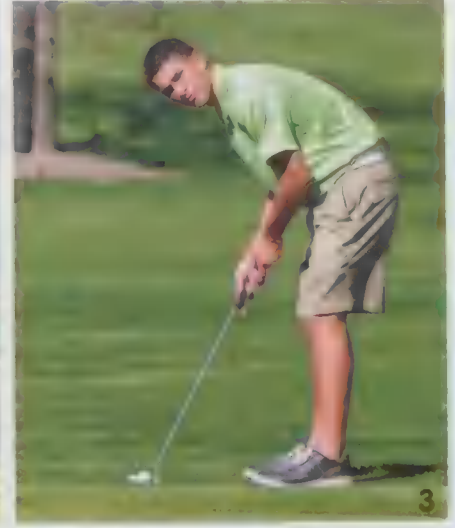
"I had a great time playing this year with my fellow golf ball whacker guys!"

- Alex Pancek, 12

"I decided to play golf because it was something I had done since I was a little kid."

-Andrew Gariup, 12





1. Junior **Michael Gallinatti** carries his clubs across the golf course.
2. Senior **Kyle Meihofer** looks out across the golf course as he prepares to hit the ball.
3. **Tyler Doane**, senior, concentrates as he gets ready to complete his putt.
4. The team listens as **Coach Wayne Lichtenberger** gives them instructions.
5. Sophomore **Chase Galipeau** anticipates the landing of his golf ball.



Tagged

- Row 1 (L-R):** Chase Galipeau, Andrew Gariup, Michael Gallinatti, Bobby Jacobs, Kyle Meihofer, Nathan Letnich
- Row 2 (L-R):** Eric Yiankes, Alex Pancek, Jacob Woodward, Patrick Andrie, Tyler Doane, Coach Wayne Lichtenberger
- Row 3 (L-R):** Coach David McGonigle, Paul Pera, Thomas Walsh, TJ Kalin, Brandon Hamill, Sam Ochs



Varsity Girl's Tennis

#thoughts

Info:

The girl's varsity team finished their season with a record of 18-2. They were sectional champions, winning against Chesterton and Portage. They made it past the first round of regionals by defeating South Bend St. Joe, but unfortunately lost in the regional championship match against Penn.

The varsity team was coached by **Tim Shideler**. "The girls improved most on working together as a team," said **Shideler**.



"I have really enjoyed getting to know all the girls on the team. It was a great bonding experience."

-Kate Spencer, 12

"The most challenging thing about tennis was staying mentally in the game the whole way through."

-Ava Meyer, 12



With her eye on the ball, junior **Brooke Sever** gets ready to hit her forehand from the baseline.



The varsity team displays their sectional trophy after they defeated Portage in the championship match.



Junior **Rachel Willing** gets ready with her stance while she waits for the next point to begin. "The best part about the season was winning sectionals," said Willing.



Tagged

Row 1 (L to R): Kate Spencer, Madisen Kammerer, Rachel Crookston, Abby Good
Row 2: Rachel Willing, Caitlyn Kennedy, Brooke Sever, Marissa Weston
Row 3: Kelly Kennedy, Coach Lisa Hauser, Coach Tim Shideler, Coach Nicole White, Ava Meyer

JV Girl's Tennis



Info:

The girl's junior varsity tennis team finished their season with a record of 6-6-1. Worked hard during the season, they improved from beginning to end.

The junior varsity team was coached by **Nicole White**. "The girls improved the most on their net play and double strategies throughout the season," said **White**. "My favorite part of this season was our big sectional win over Chesterton."

#thoughts



"My favorite part of the team was knowing I had so many supportive girls who had confidence in me."
-Sofia Grimsgard, 10

"My favorite memory from this season was the sectional win against Chesterton."
-Madi Martin, 11



After tossing the ball up in the air, freshman **Becca Erftenbeck** prepares to hit her serve.



Before the match, sophomore **Ella Simon** and junior **Nina Kranjac** shake the hands of their opponents.



Sophomore **Allie Thome** gets ready to return her opponent's serve.

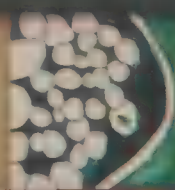


Tagged

Row 1 (L to R): Katie Kirk, Ella Simon, Becca Erftenbeck, Carrie Bullard, Shannon Tucker

Row 2: Anne Warner, Nina Kranjac, Allie Thome, Madi Martin

Row 3: Coach Nicole White, Sofia Grimsgard, Audrey Belancin, Erin Thomas, Coach Tim Shideler

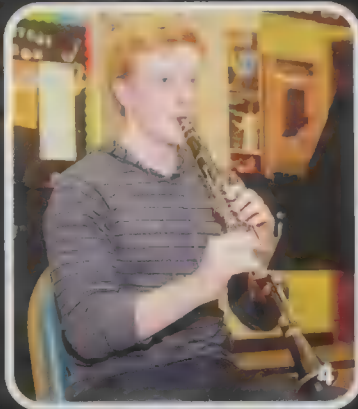
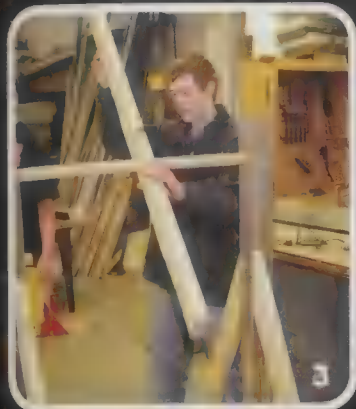
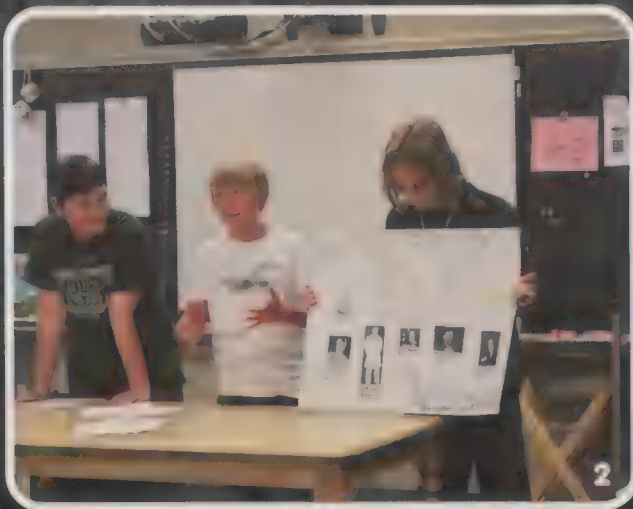
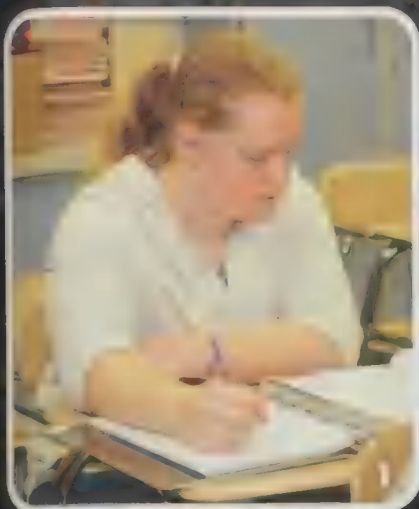


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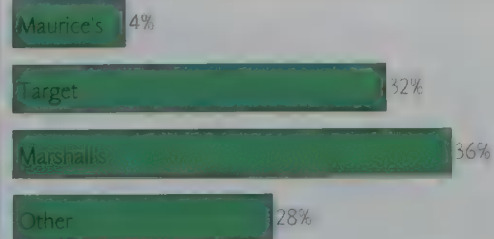




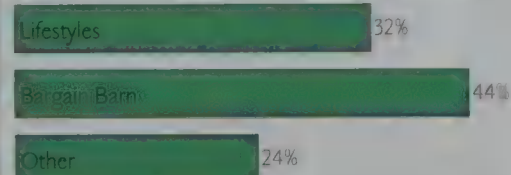
1. Junior Briann Meyers completes her assignment in German class.
2. Freshman Ben Nielsen, junior Trenton Hill, and junior Travis Anderson present in Mrs. Kai Bailey's class.
3. Senior Austin Handley works on his catapult in technology class.
4. During "A" Band, junior Tim Blue plays his clarinet.
5. Senior Briana Konrad performs in *Fair Fantasia*.
6. Senior Olivia Lawson focuses on writing her essay in English class.
7. During gym class, freshmen students play basketball.
8. Junior Paola Resendiz-Rivera rides the merry-go-round during a trip to the mall.
9. Junior Marilee Tullis gets face paint during *This is Our Story*.

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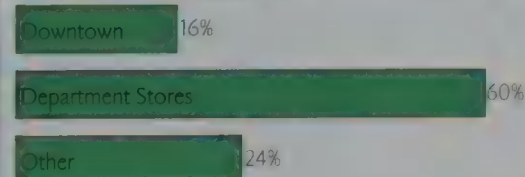
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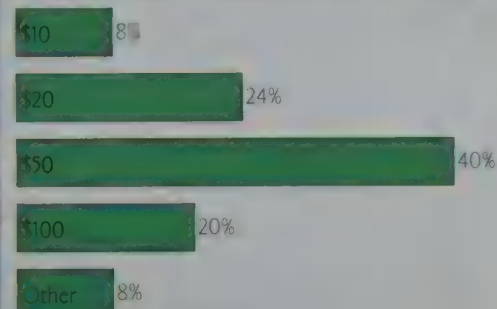
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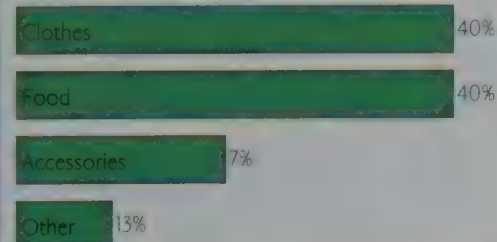
Downtown vs. Department



How much do you spend on a shopping trip?



What do you buy?



One hundred students were surveyed about shopping in Valparaiso. These are the results of their thoughts on the stores in the community.



"A" Band

"Without music life would be a mistake." - Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche. The "A" band truly added enjoyment to the high school with their musical talents.

We really were a family. We got along like brothers and sisters, and we motivated each other to be the best we could be. I think we really bonded and were going to do great things," said senior **Laura Gruszka**.

Thanks to the hard work of the musicians during the year, the band received a seventh place finish in the state competition.

"I loved teaching music because of the wonderful students and their outstanding ability to play any piece," said retiring band director **Mr. Daniel Pritchett**.



1. VHS students practice during class.

2. Seniors Caitlyn Tanner and Emily Scarsella play their clarinets.

3. Ricardo Rosario plays along with the other members of the French horn section.

4. Members of the trombone section concentrate on the music during first hour.

5. Seniors Hannah Zygmunt and Neha Sehgal practice their pieces for the "This is Our Story" performances.



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1 to 10: Hannah Zygmunt, Neha Sehgal, Emma Drexler, Madison Worthy, Dante Drey, Jordan Tennyson, Gabriella Taylor, Brian Kinsler, Ryan.

2 to 10: Hannah Zygmunt, Emma Drexler, Madison Worthy, Dante Drey, Jordan Tennyson, Gabriella Taylor, Brian Kinsler, Ryan.

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A photograph of a person in a dark, hooded garment sitting at a desk in a room with a yellow wall and a clock. The person is looking down at the desk. The room appears to be a classroom or a study area.

"I could not have asked for a greater group of kids," said Mr. Miguel Rosario.



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- A large group photograph of the 1964-1965 Music Department. The group, consisting of students and faculty, is posed on a stage. In the front row, several students are seated with large tubas or euphoniums. Behind them, a larger group of students is standing, many holding brass instruments like trumpets and trombones. The background is a dark stage curtain. The photo is mounted on a dark album page with four orange photo corners.

Marching Band

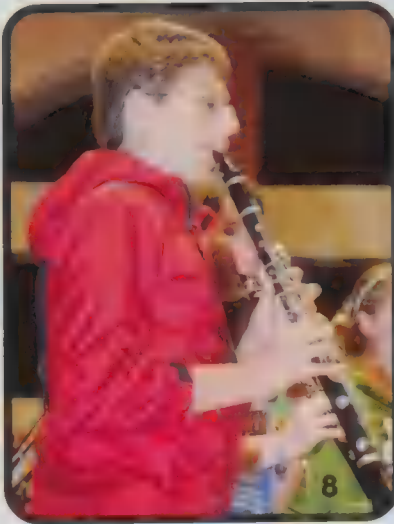
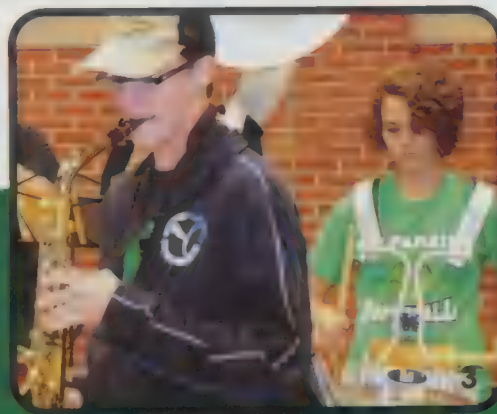


The Valparaiso High School Marching Band performed during numerous occasions this year. They braved the cold of the football games and they provided entertainment during the homecoming pep rally as well as performing downtown at the annual Popcorn Festival.

"We [got] to play for people who wouldn't [have] otherwise hear[d] us," said senior **Rebecca Wall**.

In a public recognition at the homecoming game, the band honored director Mr. Daniel Pritchett, who announced his retirement at the end of the school year.

"We [were] all like a family, and we all care[d] about each other," said senior **Austin Pittman**.



1. Students perform downtown during the pep rally.
2. Senior Tyler Wahl directs the band.
3. Alum Jerry Barker plays saxophone and senior Laura Gruszka plays percussion.
4. Freshmen Jenna Miller and Katie Kirk share a music stand.
5. Seniors Austin Pittman and Adam Jones play in the horn section.
6. Sophomores Brian Gonzalez, Jacqueline Keenan, and Grayson Woods play during the rally.
7. The band marches across the field during the homecoming game.
8. Freshman Michael Bukata plays his clarinet.



Concert Choir

The members of Concert Choir met everyday during second hour to rehearse in the choir room for their performances in *fall fantasia*, *This Is Our Story*, *Serenade to Spring*, as well as the ISMA Solo and Ensemble Contests.

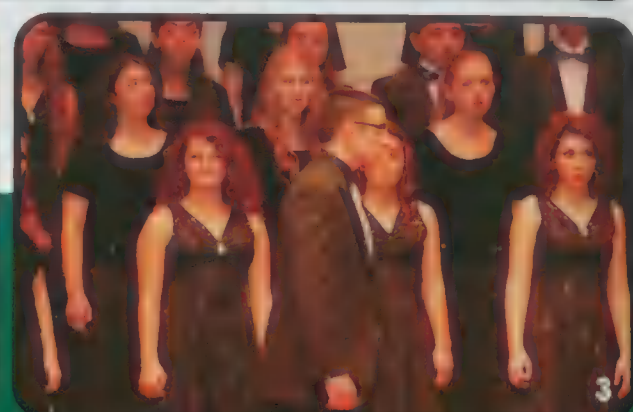
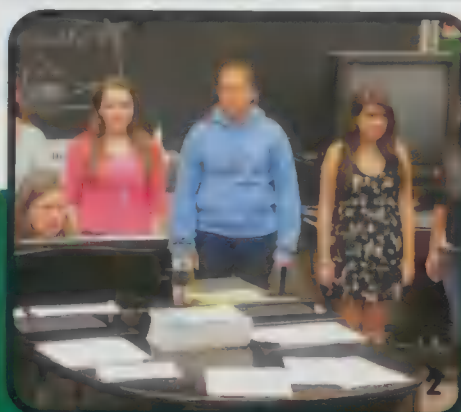
Concert Choir presented me with so many great opportunities and it was always great to get to spend time doing what I loved with some of my greatest friends, said senior Mindi Reach.

The officers included co-presidents seniors John Kotynski and Elise Riddell, vice president senior Jessalyn Ayers, co-secretaries seniors Sarah Simon and Taylor Post, collaborators seniors Rich Wilkerson and Sam Prevost, and wardrobe coordinators junior Gareth Kaye and senior Mindi Reach.

I will never forget how much I learned about singing as a craft, and I'll always remember the wonderful people I met and the amazing friends that I made along the way, said Prevost.

I liked that I had the opportunity to be a part of such an amazing program and doing something I loved with people who shared similar feelings, said Riddell.

Concert Choir placed 2nd in the state final competition.



1 Senior Emily Froelich, sophomores Esther Peres, Carli Melhofer, and senior Victoria Perez rehearse during class.

2 During class, sophomore Rebecca Roe, sophomore Ashley Thomas, and sophomore Esther Peres rehearse while Mrs. Jeanne Foster accompanies them on piano.

3 Junior Daniel Azar waits to sing his solo during *fall fantasia*.

4 Junior Nate Bouman, junior Gareth Kaye, sophomore Micah Nord, and senior Kevin Maynard rehearse.

5 Members of concert choir perform in *fall fantasia*.



#Tagged

Seated L-R: Daniel Kaye, Mindi Reach, Jessalyn Ayers, John Kotynski, Elise Riddell, Taylor Post, Samanna Prevost, Rich Wilkerson.
Row 1: Savannah Hampton, Briana Kowalski, Rebecca Roe, Savannah Peres, Cole Frank, Don Bonacci, Elise Ayers, Nicole Brinkman, Kate Scott, Madeline Buxey, Charlie Terry.
Row 2: Taylor Post, Carli Melhofer, Elise Riddell, Micah Nord, Sarah Simon, Tim Cook, Sarah Simon, Wes Schindler.
Row 3: Wes Schindler, Carli Melhofer, Victoria Perez, Nicholas Weiss, Savannah Hampton, Kate Post, Andrew Flinn, Matt Skyles, Luke Trudel, Chris Smith, Emily Alvarez, Jessica Rodriguez.
Row 4: Ashley Thomas, Tyra Mandy, Kiana Brinkman, Megan Winters, Chris Doherty, Nate Bouman, Julie Smith, Mark Hark, Francisco Lopez, Amanda Potts, Caitlyn Ellis, Kacey Brown.



Mixed Chorus



William James, an American philosopher, once said, "I don't sing because I'm happy; I'm happy because I sing." The same could be said for members of the VHS mixed chorus.

"I loved being able to walk into the choir room and feel welcome, knowing that people would not judge you. Everybody in choir shared the same talents and passion," said sophomore **Emily Ahrendt**.

During the year, students in the mixed chorus program participated in fall fantasia as well as *This Our Story*, SSMA, and the District Solo and Ensemble contests.



1. During *fall fantasia* the members of mixed chorus perform.
2. Students rehearse for the fall concert during their class period
3. Freshman Abigail Stewart, junior Sydney Clark, freshman Cassandra Gonzalez, and sophomore Breanna Edquist look to Mrs. Schonbachler for their cue
4. During class sophomore Storm Stevenson takes attendance while her classmates rehearse
5. Senior Diamesha Magee sings during *fall fantasia*



#Tagged

Row 1: M. Diamesha Magee, Nicole Garcia, Devon Applewhite, Hallee Atkins, Marissa Mann, Justin Johnson, Sam Felt, Cole Frazer, Kathryn Williamson, Cassandra Gonzalez, Breanna Edquist, Mikaela Rodriguez
 Row 2: Storm Stevenson, Alyssa Schrimmel, Breanna Edquist, Julia Peququet, Camryn Gardner, Tim McLean, Matt Montemayor, Breanna Florn, Emily Gaines, Haley Worth, Abigail Stewart
 Row 3: Mrs. Jeanne Foster, Emily Ahrendt, Destinee Losey, Sophie Kuznetsov, Lydia Cannon, Westley Tokish, Ayo Mensah, Mrs. Linda Schonbachler



Womens' Chorus

As an intermediate group, womens' chorus provided an opportunity for students to sing and perform during the school year. The members of the choir performed at fall fantasia, *This is Our Story*, ISSMA, as well as the District and Solo Ensemble contests.

"The most memorable part of womens' chorus was the excitement during contest and ISSMA. Also, my favorite part was finding out new songs we were going to be singing", said sophomore Kimberly Jankowski.

Meeting during ninth hour, the fifty-three students practiced every day with choral director Linda Schonbachler who considered the students "strong vocal leaders."



1. During fall fantasia, students prepare to perform on stage.
2. Calming their nerves, the girls talk before going on stage.
3. Under Mrs. Linda Schonbachler's direction, the students sing in harmony.
4. Along with Mens' chorus, the choir performs at *This Is Our Story*.
5. The students warm up before fall fantasia.



#Tagged

Row 1: K. to B. Scholz, Hannah, Madeline, Emily, Ryan, Summer, Carleigh, Elena, Nicole, Stephanie, Kristine, Lyndee, Janelle, Marissa
Row 2: Marissa, Emma, Kaitlyn, Janelle, Madeline, Margaret, Megan, Dawn, McCaleb, Lisa, Rylie
Row 3: Alyssa, Emma, Madeline, Summer, Emily, Crystal, Emily, Carleigh, Emma, Hanna, Madeline, Carleigh, Hannah, Nicole, Lyndee, Lisa, Lauren, Wren
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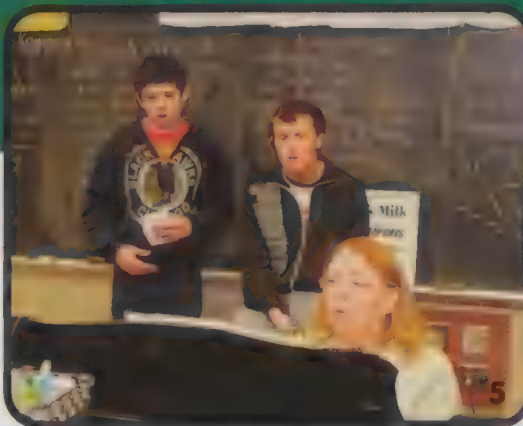
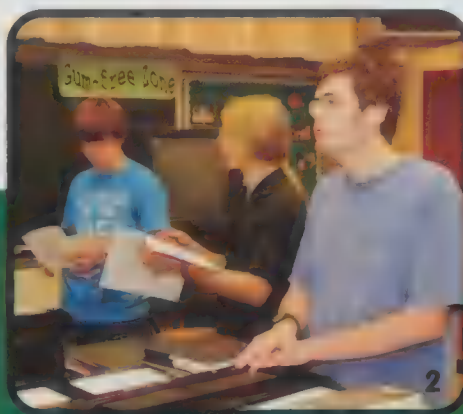
Men's Chorus



Men's chorus provided another outlet for students interested in singing to perform. In order to be ready for their various performances, the choir prepared in their first hour class every day with director Mrs. Linda Schonbachler.

"In addition to allowing me to practice and improve my singing, I have made friends with many interesting people I would have not met otherwise," said senior **Timothy McLean**.

"This was a talented group of twenty-four young men. They were fun to work and perform with," said **Mrs. Linda Schonbachler**. "They met the challenge."



1. During fall fantasia, the members of men's chorus perform for the audience.
2. In the choir room, students warm up their voices.
3. Senior **Tim McClean** gets ready to practice during the first hour class with his fellow male vocalists.
4. Students sing in unison.
5. Senior **Chris Keller** concentrates on the music while practicing.



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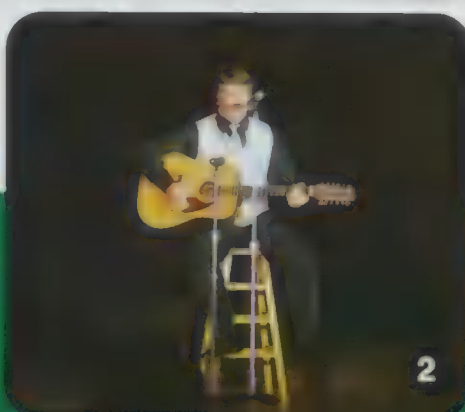
Row 1: L to R, **Neil Schiller**, **Casey Frost**, **Andrew Florschütz**, **Andrew Florschütz**, **Andrew Florschütz**
 Row 2: **John Johnson**, **Ben Miles**, **Jonathan Stiller**, **Mrs. Schonbachler**
 Row 3: **Trevor Fry**, **Jonathan Begay**, **Mike Nator**, **Frank Sork**
 Row 4: **Michael Bullock**, **Brendan McFadden**, **Natali Smith**, **Michael Dwyer**, **Tim Wilson**
 Row 5: **Mrs. Fusan**, **Chris Keller**, **Matt Montemayor**, **Darshita Smith**, **Tom Arnold**



Varsity Singers

The varsity singers worked hard the whole year to perfect many different songs and routines which they used in their performances. They learned a variety of songs, including *Forget You* by Cee Lo Green, *Hold On* by Michael Buble, *All for the Best* from Godspell, *You Make Me Feel Like Dancing* by Leo Sayer, *Hit Me With Your Best Shot*, *One Way or Another* medley, *Sing a Song* by Earth Wind and Fire, *Light up the World* from Glee, and *God Gave Me You* by Blake Shelton.

"One highlight of the year was camp. It was definitely one of the most memorable times. That was when we all really started to bond and become a sort of family," said senior **Samantha Prevost**.



- 1 Senior **Tess Galbiati** performs a solo.
- 2 Junior **Andy Vecchi** sings a solo while playing his guitar on stage.
- 3 The Varsity Singers perform for the audience at fall fantasia.
- 4 While playing her guitar, senior **Samantha Prevost** entertains the crowd.
- 5 Senior **Kevin Maynard** performs for the audience during his solo.



#Tagged

Third row: L to R: **Mike Berman**, **Carl**
Proctor, **Jessy**, **Anna**, **Taylor**, **Boyle**,
Samantha Prevost, **Clare**, **Kaye**, **Natalie**,
Ellen, **Phil**, **Schiff**, **Matt**, **Blanchard**,
Travis, **Quinn**, **Ellen**, **Matt**, **Blanchard**,
Andy, **Vecchi**, **Tess**, **Galbiati**,
Second row: L to R: Emma, **Benard**,
Chris, **Frank**, **John**, **Barry**, **Tyler**, **Post**,
Victoria, **Reese**, **Don**, **Benard**, **Jessica**,
Rebecca, **Claudia**, **Ally**, **Nicole**,
William, **Don**, **Azer**, **Seamus**, **Hampton**,
Front row: L to R: Sabrina, **Verotti**, **Elise**,
Reid, **Mind**, **Reid**.



Fall Fantasia



Fall Fantasia was the annual autumn concert where the different choirs at Valparaiso High School showcased their vocal and musical talents.

The different choirs that participated in the show were varsity singers, men's chorus, women's chorus, mixed chorus, and concert choir.

"My favorite part of Fall Fantasia was that I loved performing with all my friends and performing the dance cinema by Skrillex," said senior **Kevin Maynard**.



1. Concert choir performs during Fall Fantasia.
2. The varsity singers perform on stage.
3. Senior **Elise Riddel** and senior **John Kotynski** sing a duet together.
4. Senior **Taylor Post** sings a solo.
5. Performing at Fall Fantasia, seniors **Kevin Maynard**, **Elise Riddel** and **John Kotynski** act out a dance.
6. Varsity singers entertain the audience.
7. Mrs. Linda Schonbachler directs the mixed chorus.
8. Seniors **Elise Riddel** and **Savannah Hampton** perform with Varsity Singers.



Concert Orchestra

Music could be heard during the third hour concert orchestra class as they prepared for a concert or a contest. The thirty freshmen and sophomores were learning the technique and sight-reading to succeed in orchestra at Valparaíso High School. The Concert Orchestra was led by conductor and teacher, Mr. Tim Kopf. The orchestra went to a competition in the spring and played three pieces, all chosen by Kopf.

"I was very lucky to be an orchestra director/music teacher because I got to see the students begin study in fifth grade and continue throughout high school," said Kopf.



1 Freshmen Isahia Javier, Jason Wright and Ben Roslar tune their violins



2 Sophomores Allison Poole and Patrick Azar practice a medley the conductor had written



3 The first and second violins practice their tuning E string before practicing

4 The class prepares for the hour to begin. Students had a few minutes to get their instruments and music out before Kopf called class to order.

5 Sophomores Joshua Schlichting and Eddie Guess practice their basses in order to be ready for *This Is Our Story*.



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Row 1 (L-R) Sophia Fontana, Samantha Sanchez, Jordan Lutz, Emily Olson, Craig Bohlen, Elizabeth Jett, Rhonda Gillies, Kaitlyn Mulroe
Row 2 Dominique DePapp, Riana Romanowski, Nicole Smith, Caroline Bullock, Meghan Gallagher, Ted Stewart, Jordan White, Emily Morris, Lauren Sanders, Melissa Sanchez, Elizabeth Rosewater, Luke Triller
Row 3 Sarah Thompson, Rebecca Schindler, Stephanie Budge, Jordan Nigam, Timothy Pichler, Eric Thomas, Lauren Christie, Julian Fries, Patrick Foster, John Buggs, Stephanie DeHaven, Neil Palmer, Langer, Susan Jiang, Priscilla Daniels-Parker, Janine Chubbey
Row 4 Joshua Schlichting, Mack Nicks, Benjamin Reiser, Jason Wright, Isahia Javier, Mr. Tim Kopf, Eddie Guess



Chamber Orchestra



During tenth hour, one could find the Chamber Orchestra playing a piece by Mozart or Bach in orange 202. The conductor, Mr. Tim Kopf, conducted the Valparaiso High School orchestras for the past twenty years. He created a kind-friendly environment through his love for the arts.

Each year, the Chamber Orchestra participated in four seasonal concerts, including *This Is Our Story* in December and a contest showcase in April. The orchestra put together different pieces for each and prepared about two months in advance.

The class prepared for the concerts and their finals for each semester. For their final, they had to perform a piece.



- 1 Seniors Rashawanda Gilliam and Michelle Kosterski tune their violins before they begin playing
- 2 Seniors Mary Rooker and Mindi Reach practice their violas for the upcoming fall concert
- 3 Tuning for the upcoming rehearsal seniors Soren Bjornstad and Vasilios Bakas prepare for class
- 4 The viola and cello sections play at *This is Our Story* 2012. The orchestra played the *Three Minute Nutcracker* and *Brandenburg Concerto* 5
5. Chrystian Daniels-Porter and Jordan Folke strum their instruments for *This is Our Story*.



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Row 1: L-R: Shawn Bryson, Christian Daniels-Porter, Sofia Grimsrud, Magdalena Borcas, Olivia Luvinsky, Kathleen Prokawa, Jordan Folke
 Row 2: Tim Corbett, Jessica Rodriguez, Soren Bjornstad, Gabrielle Vinyard, Eli Simon, Samantha Gough, Melinda Reach
 Row 3: Denny Boyer, Vasilios Bakas, Rashawanda Gilliam, Chrissy Murray, Ariya Beecher, Mariana Wiedau, Michelle Kosterski, Mary Rooker, Nicole Kahan, Hannah White, Caroline Shaw, Mr. Tim Kopf, Paul Wilford

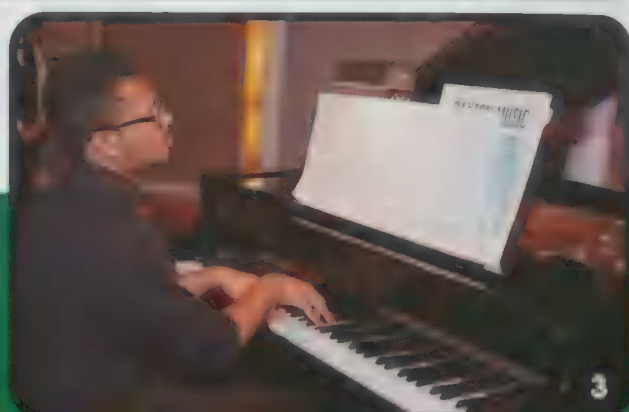
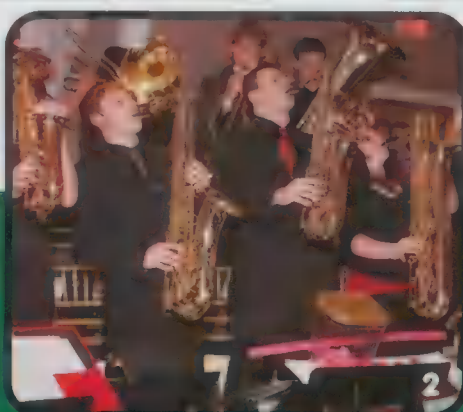
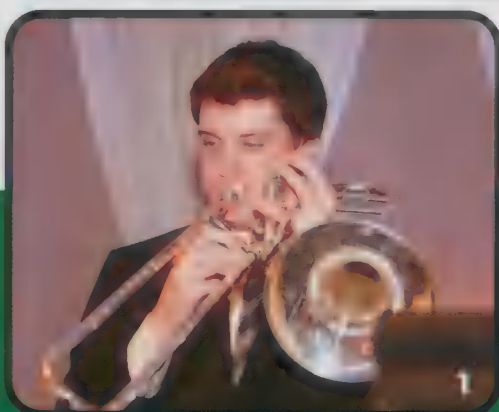


Jazz Band

Jazz at Aberdeen was the annual February event where the Valparaiso High School Jazz Ensemble, Studio Band, and Lab Band showcased their talents for the students, parents, and community members who were eager to enjoy the music. During the evening, every senior jazz band member received a chance to perform a solo to feature his or her musical talent.

The money raised at the event went toward the Band Parent's Association Fund.

In addition to the event at Aberdeen, the jazz bands also attended various jazz festivals during the year. Mr. Dan Pritchett and Mr. Miguel Rosario directed the bands.



1. Junior Zach Sutton reads his music while playing his trombone.

2. The band stands to play their opening number.

3. Senior Andre Resto plays the piano during the evening.

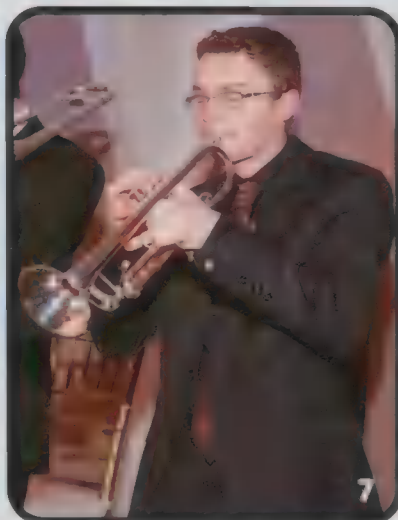
4. Mr. Miguel Rosario directs the band.

5. Seniors John Miller and Erik Muntzing perform for the crowd.

6. Looking down at his sheet music, sophomore Grayson Woods plays his trumpet.

7. Closing his eyes, senior Tyler Wahl focuses on improvising a solo.

8. Senior Trenton Norman strums his electric guitar.

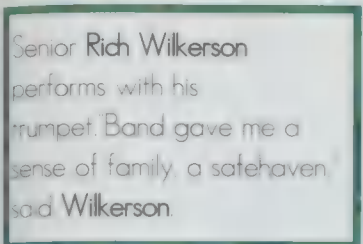




Senior Caitlyn Tanner studies her sheet music intently before beginning to play the next song.



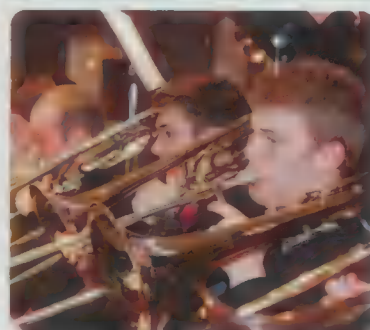
Senior Luke Davis plays with the trombone section during the evening.



Senior Rich Wilkerson performs with his trumpet. Band gave me a sense of family, a safe haven," said Wilkerson.



Adding a special sound to the song, junior Sam Baker keeps the beat by playing his drum set. "I have always loved music," said Baker.



During one of the songs, senior Elizabeth Stressler stands up to perform a solo.

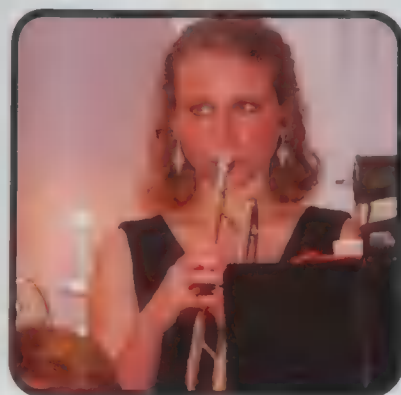


Junior Josh Turner plays an instrument called a siren to add unique sound to the musical piece.



The band looks to their band director Mr. Dan Pritchett as he keeps the tempo of the song.

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Taylor Woods was very active in the band program during high school. She joined in middle school because she "always loved music and wanted to be able to share it with others. Woods played the french horn in concert band, the melaphone in marching and pep band, and the trumpet in jazz band. She participated in every band offered at VHS, but her favorite band was concert band because so many of her friends were in it. Woods said that band brightened her school days, and throughout the years the band became an inseparable family. After high school, Woods planned on attending Case Western Reserve University, where she received a full tuition scholarship for music. She decided to double major in Music Performance and Pre-Medicine to pursue her dream of becoming a professional musician and/or doctor.



LEAD

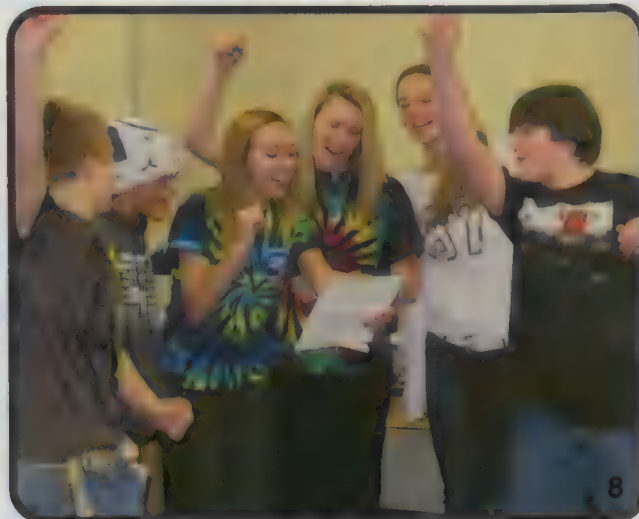
LEAD, a program that has been around for nearly 10 years, involved 10% of the Valparaiso High School student population over the past year. LEAD was a mentoring program where high school students took time out of their day to go and visit the kids at Benjamin Franklin Middle School and Thomas Jefferson Middle School to mentor the middle school students.

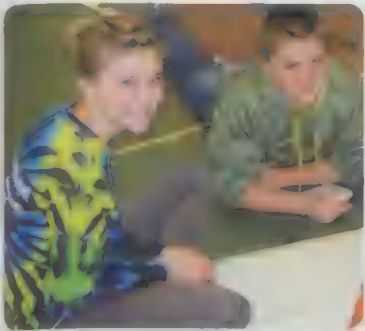
Mrs. Denise Koebcke and Mrs. Tammy Hofer helped the mentors in many ways by teaching them how to prepare and deliver the lessons effectively to middle school students.

"LEAD was such a great program that has helped many kids over the years," said senior mentor Natalie Girman.



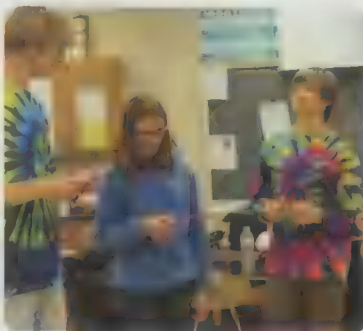
1. Sophomore Stephanie Bohn
2. A LEAD group huddles together.
3. Sitting across from their group, junior Marilllee Tullis and sophomore Dominique DePippo discuss the lesson for the day.
4. Senior McCaul Sawina and sophomore Sofia Grimsgard sing along.
5. During LEAD, junior Liz Schlichting works on a poster with her students.
6. Sophomore Julia Manion stands next to her group of kids at the front of the class.
7. Senior Amanda Hurley hugs a LEAD kid.
8. Singing their LEAD song, senior Nicole Koehn and junior Kelli West perform.





Sophomore Kara Miller smiles for a picture with one of the boys in her LEAD group during their activity for the day.

Sophomore Kate Scott and junior Natalie Lichtenberger gather in a circle with their groups to discuss the LEAD topic of the day.



While sitting with her assigned group junior Rachel Willing talks to the middle schoolers about the LEAD lesson of the day.

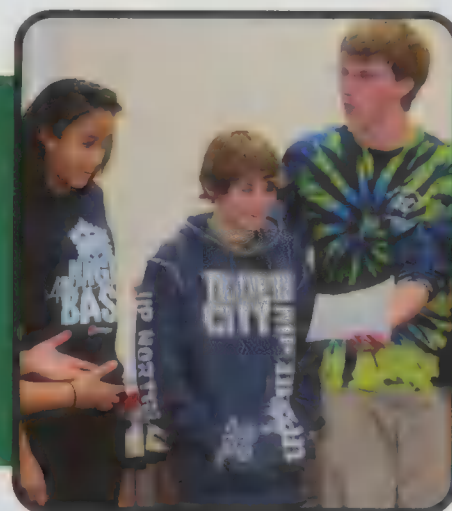
Senior Andy Miles and sophomore Camden Davison address the students at Ben Franklin Middle School.



While performing their LEAD song, senior Sarah Jackovich starts to rap along while the middle schoolers in her group sing-a-long.



LEAD mentors Natalie Girman, Jaeson Chang, Kate Spencer, CJ Gear, Jordan Galligan, and Veronica Chevalier



Junior Josh Abatie tries to encourage his group to sing along to the song they wrote about the LEAD program.

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Q: What made you want to join LEAD?

A: I wanted to join LEAD to make a difference in the lives of young children," said Sarah Jackovich.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a part of LEAD?

A: My favorite part is getting to know the middle school kids and seeing them enjoy our lessons and activities that we get to do with them," said Jackovich.

Q: What advice can you give to future LEAD mentors?

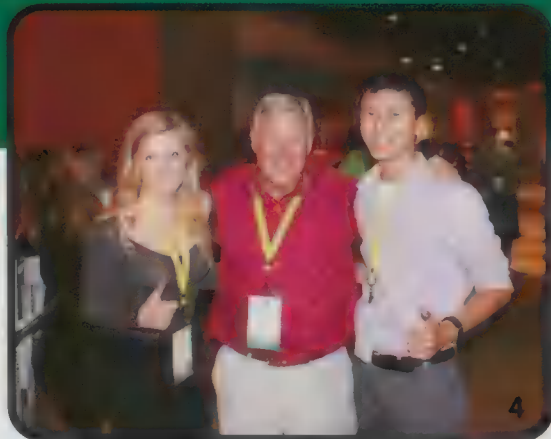
A: I would tell future LEAD mentors to keep doing what you're doing, even if it doesn't seem like it's working, you really are making a difference," said Jackovich.



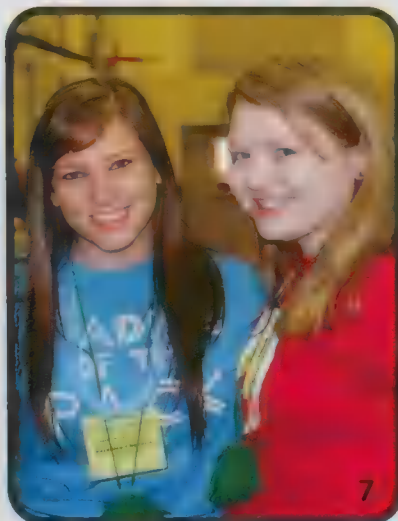
Student Council

The Student Council at Valparaiso High School was involved in many different activities and projects throughout the school year. Some of the most popular events they helped with included the homecoming parade, pep rally and the show for Mr. VHS. The students involved in Student Council put a lot of time and effort into making all these events great for their fellow students and staff at VHS.

Senior **Veronica Chevalier** was the president. "Mr. VHS was my favorite Student Council activity. It was so much fun to plan and even more fun to MC. Getting to know all the guys was fantastic and the turn out for the show was great," said Chevalier.



1. Mr. Davis and Mrs. Schott are named the teacher homecoming king and queen.
2. Student council sponsor Ms. Covington
3. During homecoming week, senior Veronica Chevalier hosts the pep rally.
4. Senior Hannah Duncan and junior Jaeson Chang attend a student council conference.
5. Student council members pose for a picture.
6. Sophomores JP Kunze, Grace Withrow and Kathryn Bower attend a conference.
7. Senior class president Veronica Chevalier and junior class president Samantha Yaros
8. Student council representatives





Seniors Lonnie Pappas and Devin Roach strike a pose for the audience in their formal wear.



Sporting their formal wear, seniors Austin Pittman and Victoria Perez add their own unique twist to their outfits by wearing masks.

During the Mr. VHS towel wear portion of the competition, seniors John Kotynski and Mindi Reach dress up like babies.



While on stage, seniors Russell Stewart and Caitlyn Gear portray snake charmers while dressed in their towel wear.



Mr. Ben Lieske appears in Jordan Galligan's skit. Justin Bieber's song "Baby" was performed by Galligan.



For his talent, senior Zach Meyer sings his part of "What Makes You Beautiful" by One Direction on stage.



Senior Tim Meyer leads a group of girls in an exercise routine during the talent portion of the show.

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Q: What made you want to participate in Mr. VHS?

Answer: I wanted to put myself out there and get out of my comfort zone. I wanted to get my name out so people would remember me when I leave for the Marines," said senior Brett Odle.

Q: What was your favorite part about being in the show?

A: I was able to make a lot of friends. I can be myself around and dancing with everyone in the mornings was really fun," said Odle.

Q: What was the most challenging part about being in Mr. VHS?

A: The most challenging part had to be standing on the stage in front of all those people. I have never been very comfortable on stage or in front of anyone," said Odle.



Earth Awareness Club

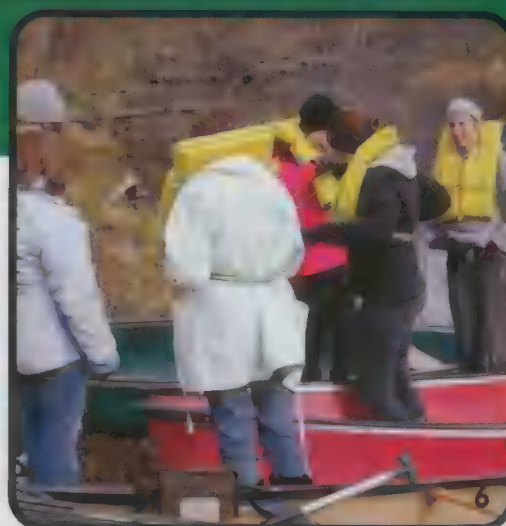
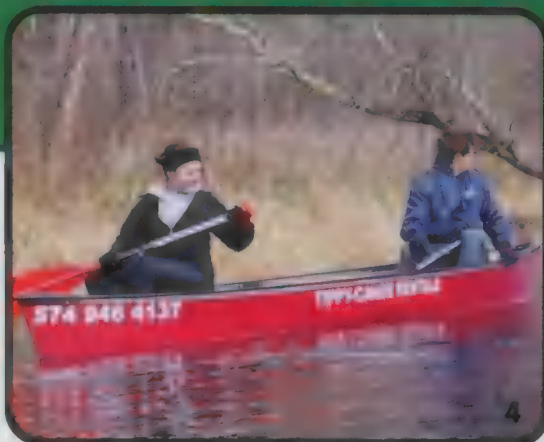
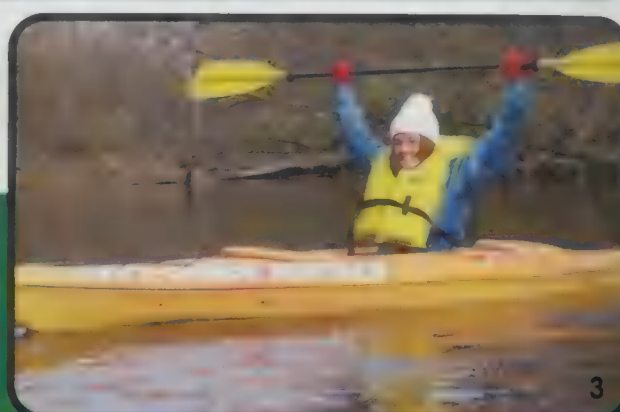
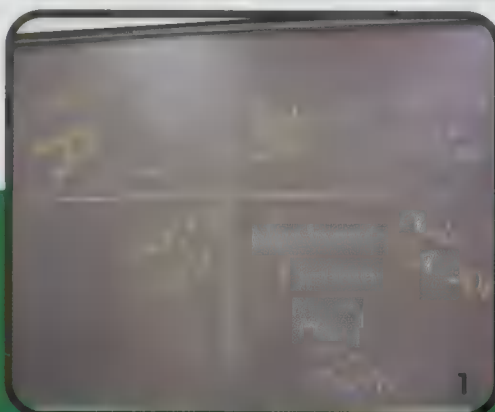
Earth Awareness Club (EAC) met every Thursday after school in Yellow 208 Mrs. Alwdt's classroom. They cleaned-up the dunes, went on a canoe/kayak river clean-up and participated in the Earth Day Celebration at Fairgrounds Park. They were also in charge of Earth Day Week and fundraising during all lunch periods from April 22-26 at VHS. The club also planted trees and sold puppy chow to help K9 units at all lunches the week before Christmas break. In addition, they also were in charge of collecting the recycling on Thursdays after school.

"My favorite things about EAC were the opportunities it gave students to learn about the environment, to take initiative to help, and explore the Earth's true beauty," said president senior Bailey Swan.

"I joined EAC because I was interested in the environment. To be involved in a club specifically directed at environmental service was pretty rewarding," said senior Maddy Montgomery.

The other officers were vice president Olivia Lawson, secretary Mary Rooker and treasurer Mariya Trenkinshu.

"My favorite event was hiking for a week in the Grand Canyon, and I also loved [the] canoe trips," said Lawson.



Members sign up for the designated areas of the school where they are responsible for recycling items.

2 At the Earth Awareness meeting senior Mary Rooker selects a recycling bin.

3 During the canoe trip, senior Bailey Swan takes a break from paddling her kayak.

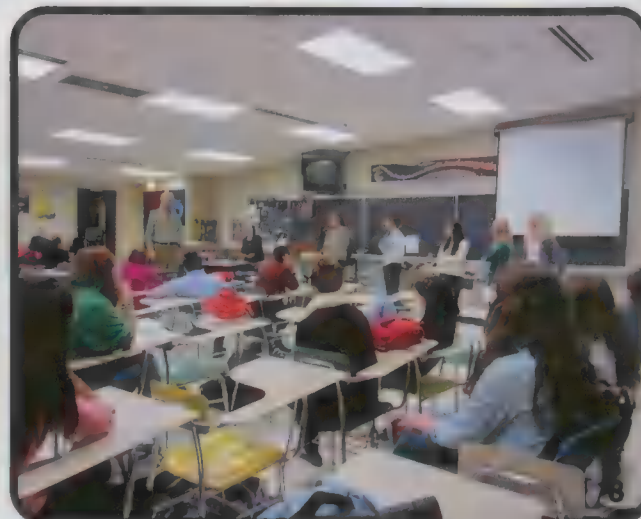
4 Sophomore Livy Crim and Tucker Jaroll paddle their kayak down the river.

5 On the canoe trip, Mrs. Alwdt, the club sponsor, and senior Selina Rodriguez paddle down the river.

6 Club members, including Mrs. Alwdt and sophomore Selina Rodriguez, prepare to embark on their trip down the river.

7 In the downstairs purple hallway, senior Olivia Lawson, senior Alex Kiradis, and senior Maddy Montgomery pose for a picture.

8 The five officers stand at the front of the room conducting the meeting while the other members sit at the desks listening to the information being given and discussed at the meeting.



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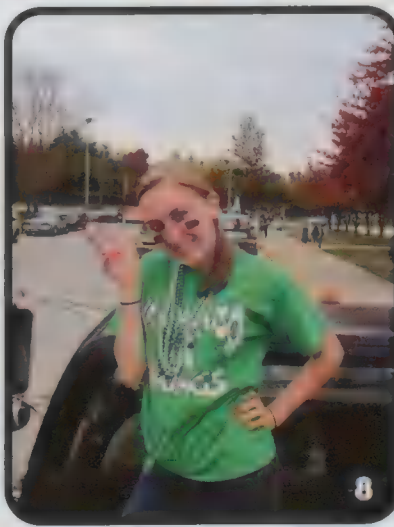
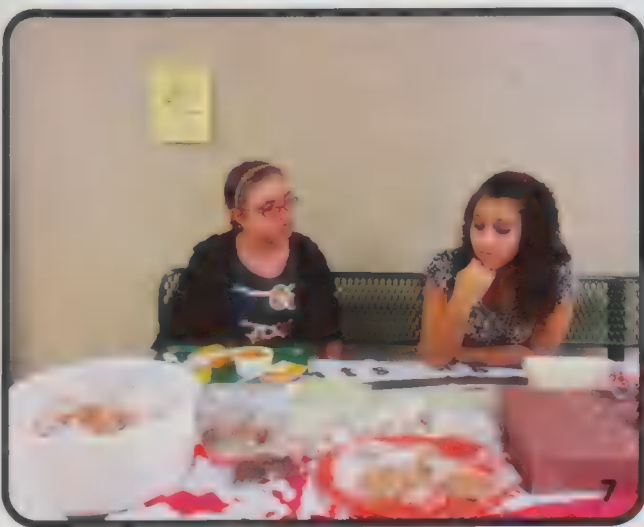
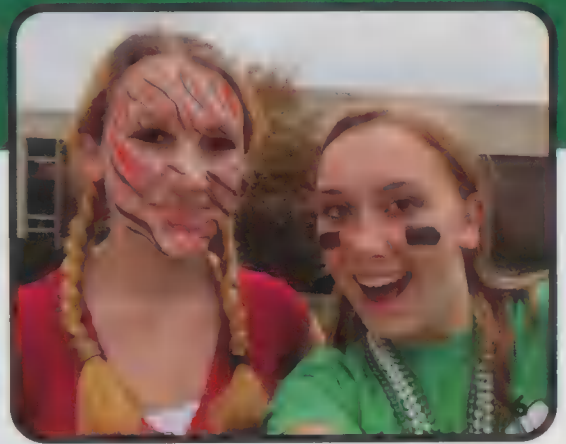
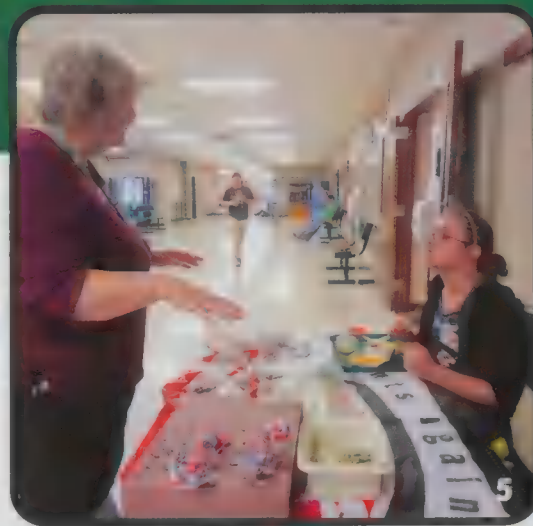
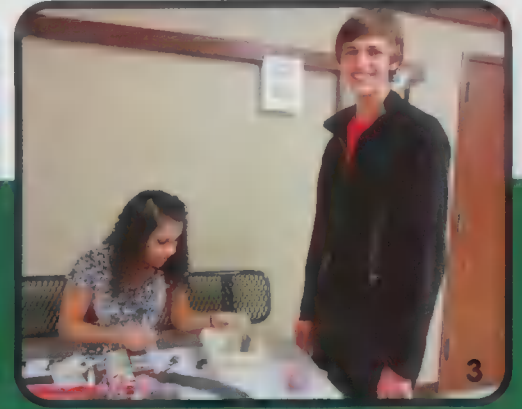
Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) met every Wednesday after school in Brown 101. The club participated in a service project where they delivered eleven boxes of Red Ribbon Week placemats to area restaurants as well as holding a Red Ribbon Week Bake Sale. In addition, members put post-it notes on all lockers for Valentine's Day with positive messages in addition to decorating the auditorium showcase and co-sponsoring safe driving activities in the VHS fieldhouse in April along with the Valparaiso Police Department. In addition, they hosted a regional all-day conference for area SADD chapters in early November.

"I joined SADD because I wanted to get more involved with the school and I wanted to help warn others about the dangers that come from certain actions," said secretary sophomore Kara Miller.

"I learned from SADD that drugs and alcohol affect more people than you would expect," said treasurer junior Katareina Vincent.

The other club officers were co-president junior Francesca Pupillo, co-president senior Kayla Martisek, and vice president senior Lukas Anderson.

"I loved the new friends I've made, the state conference was tons of fun, and writing our public service video was an awesome experience. Our puppy show sales were always fun, but the best part was the state conference; it was awesome to work with other groups and get fresh ideas!" said Pupillo.



1. At the bake sale, customers pick out what they want while Kayla Martisek waits patiently.
2. Before the homecoming parade, senior Kayla Martisek and junior Francesca Pupillo display the club banner.
3. Counting the money, senior Kayla Martisek waits for a customer to make a decision.
4. At the Red Ribbon bake sale, junior Jared Folke purchases a dessert.
5. Mrs. Sue Hager, the club sponsor, checks on sales with sophomore Emily Jones.
6. Junior Katareina Vincent and junior Emily Whited show off their face paint before the homecoming parade begins.
7. Sophomore Emily Jones and senior Kayla Martisek wait for people at the Red Ribbon Week bake sale during eighth hour lunch. The bake sale raised money for the club and their multiple projects.
8. Junior Emily Whited flashes a peace sign while riding in the back of a pickup truck in the homecoming parade.



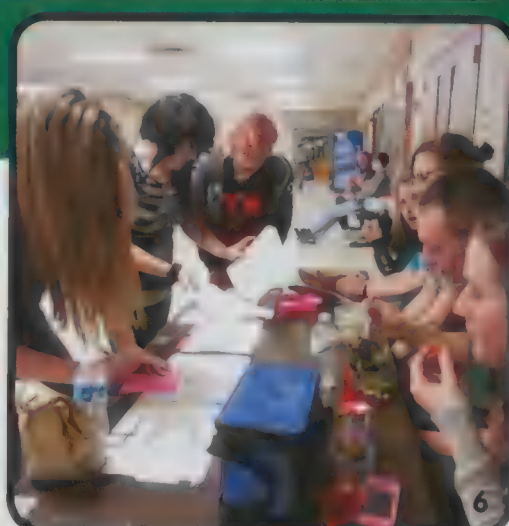
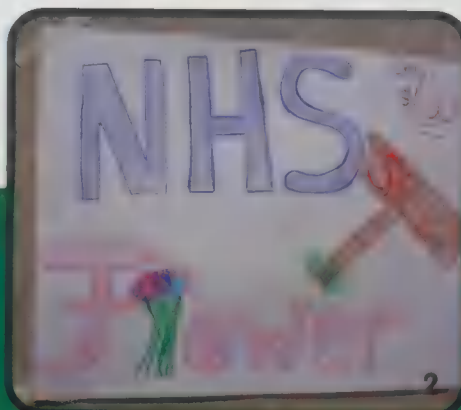
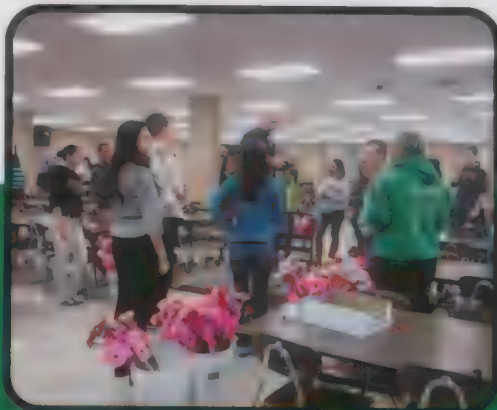
National Honor Society

The 2012-2013 National Honor Society inducted a total of 114 members. A requirement of this membership included completing three service projects and attending monthly meetings. The members were selected based on academic achievement, leadership, and extracurricular activities.

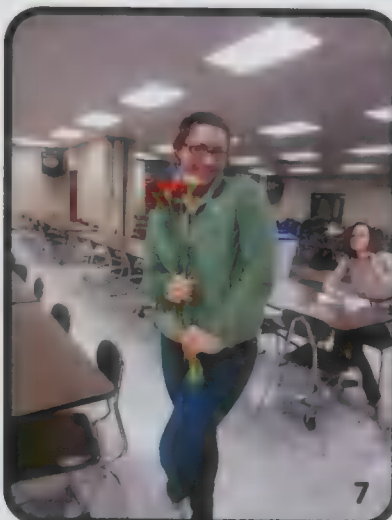
NHS officers included: president **Neha Sehgal**, vice-president **Sarah Simon**, secretary **Emma Kurt**, and treasurer **Ben Kalisch**.

In order to maintain status as a member of the National Honor Society, students had to do the required amount of service activities such as tutoring at the local middle schools, participating at the annual Tri Kappa book sale, and working the Induction Ceremony for the upcoming junior class. There were additional activities students could have participated in to earn service points such as packing food in boxes for Cook's Corner Market Day, and performing at the Pines Retirement Homes talent show.

I was pleased to announce we beat last year's sale record by ten flowers," said senior **Sarah Simon**. The total proceeds from the flower sale were around \$1500. All proceeds financed NHS scholarships.



1. Mr. Hershberger conducts a meeting
2. The advertising committee creates posters to persuade students to buy flowers.
3. The NHS flower committee sells flowers during lunch periods.
4. Senior **Emma Kurt** collects the \$1.50 for the flower which will be sent to someone special.
5. Senior **Gabe Hinding** sells flowers to the girls during 4th hour lunch.
6. Students line up to purchase a flower for that someone special.
7. Senior **Tarrah Lasky** gets ready to sort through the carnations.
8. Senior **Jordan Galligan** persuades **Conner Ritzi** to purchase a flower.





The flowers for the NHS 2013 flower sale sit in buckets awaiting to be sorted by members.

Senior Megan Shivley signs in with secretary Emma Kurt. Proceeds from the annual NHS flower sale went toward scholarships.



Senior Maddisen Brennecke and Collette Pflederer work on organizing flowers.

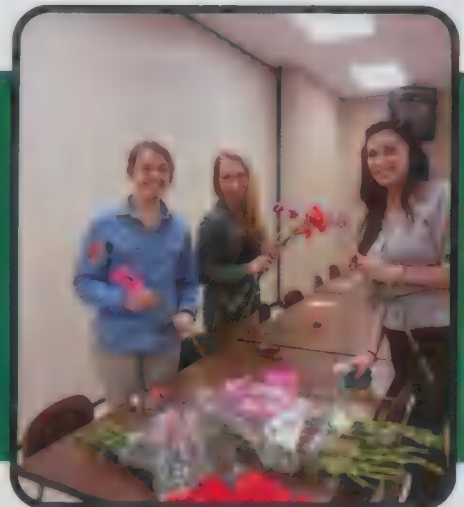
Senior Chase Holford cannot resist smelling the fresh carnations.



Senior Alexis Bluhm helps with sorting through carnations at the organizational meeting.



Seniors Kassidy Swenson, Jolene Vincel, and Tarrah Lasky get ready to sort the carnations by color.



Seniors Bailey Swan, Tess Weismann, and Myriam Resendiz pause from stapling messages onto the flowers.

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Neha Sehgal was the president of the National Honor Society during the 2012-2013 school year. Her favorite part of being the president was that she had the opportunity to work with some really great people in her community and school.

"It has been amazing. We have all become better leaders, collaborators, and friends in the process," said **Sehgal**.

Although, she did not run specifically for the presidency, Sehgal was very grateful that she could represent NHS and all the people that were associated with it.

Her future plans included studying biology and South Asian studies most likely at Indiana University in the fall. Eventually, she wanted to attend medical school.

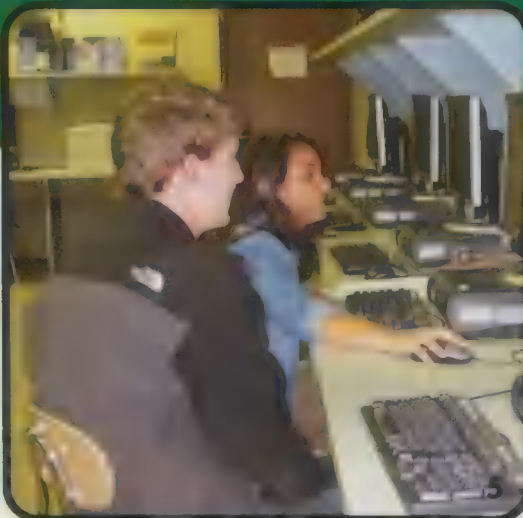
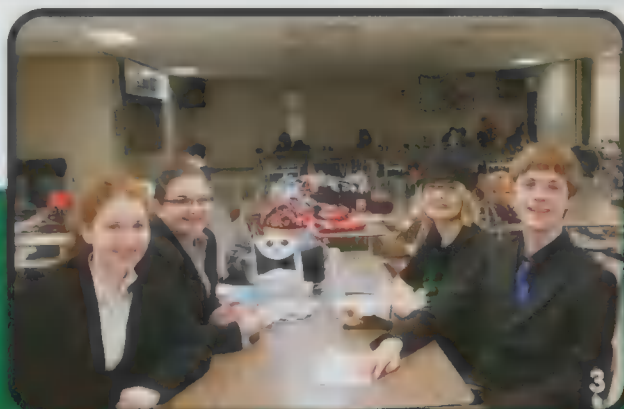
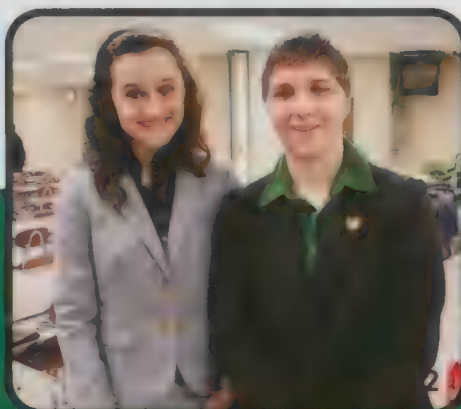


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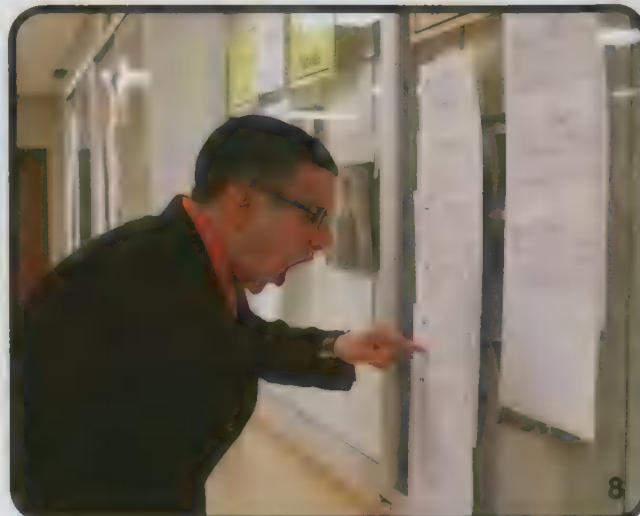
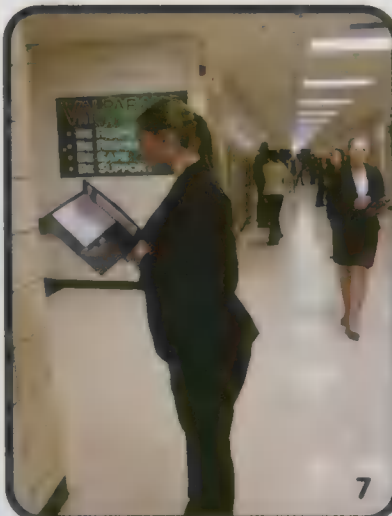
"Everyone [thought] you [had] to be like a prodigy politician or amazing at speaking, but it [was] all a learning experience and we [had] to learn a lot and practice a lot," said sophomore **Claire Simon**.

The hard work paid off during the season in many ways as several team members qualified for the National Forensic League's National HS Speech and Debate Tournament in Birmingham, Alabama.

A highlight for the mock trial team was winning 22nd place in Indianapolis during the Mock Trial Nationals. Representing VHS were students Claire Simon, Tess Galbiati, Mandy Ploetz, Alyssa Dillon, Luma Khabbaz, John Kotynski, Kelly Adams and Gavin White.



1. Mock Trial team Dogs of War
2. Freshman Madison Mann and Nicole Huth wait for their next round to start.
3. Team members have some down time in between rounds.
4. Mock Trial team Furry Fury
5. Sophomore Luma Khabbaz helps a fellow student with research.
6. Junior Caroline Koenig and freshman Brandon Hanson volunteer at the home meet.
7. Sophomore Katie Ploetz practices her speech before her round.
8. Junior Daniel Azar reacts to the results of his last round.



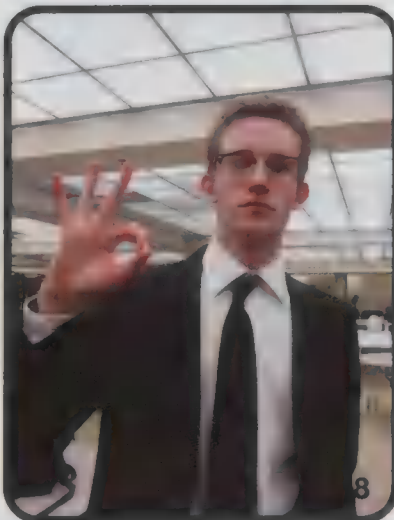
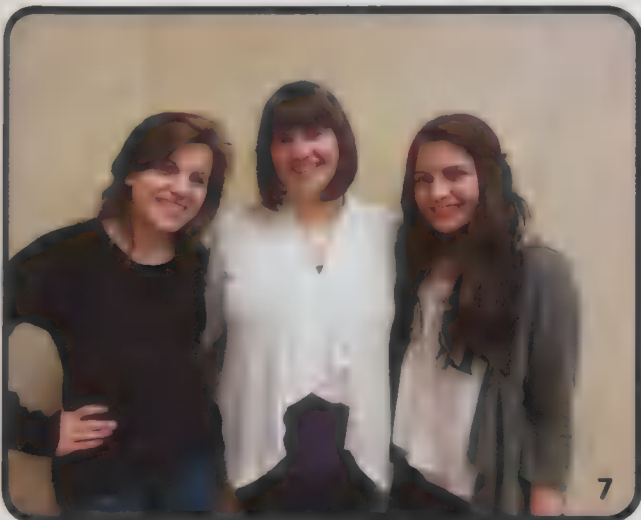
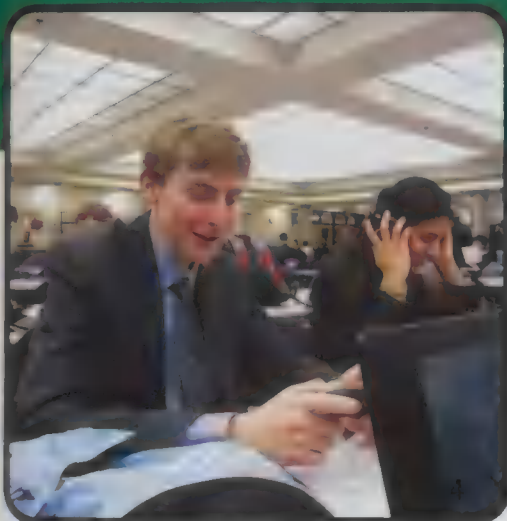
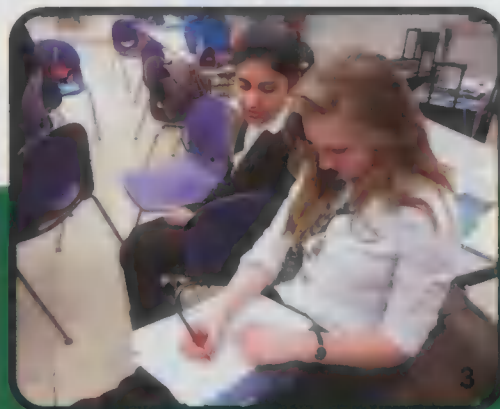
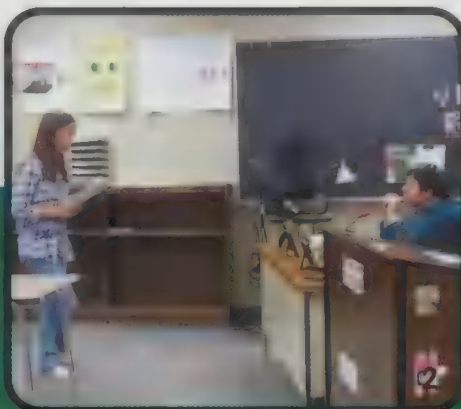
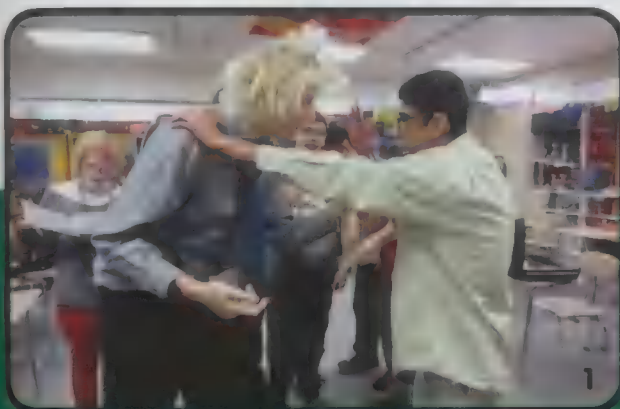
Debate



The Debate team had a successful season. Members of the Debate team, like the Speech team, also devoted many hours outside of school to researching their topics and preparing material.

"You had to be persistent without being rude. You've got to know your event and your topic like the back of your hand, and you have to be prepared to kiss your Saturdays goodbye for a couple months," said senior **Audrey Porter**, who competed in Policy.

Students that qualified for competition at Nationals included Connor Devine, Kelly Adams, Sofia Grimsgard, Jacqui Peterschmidt, Katie Barton, Sarah Simon, and Dana Khabbaz.



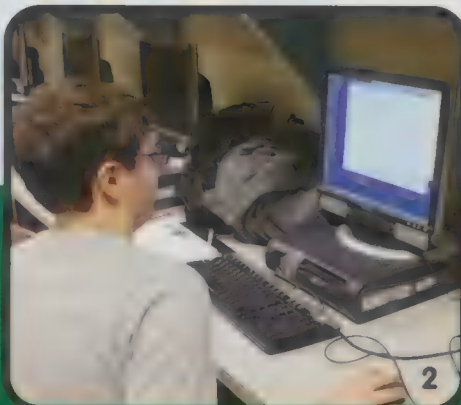
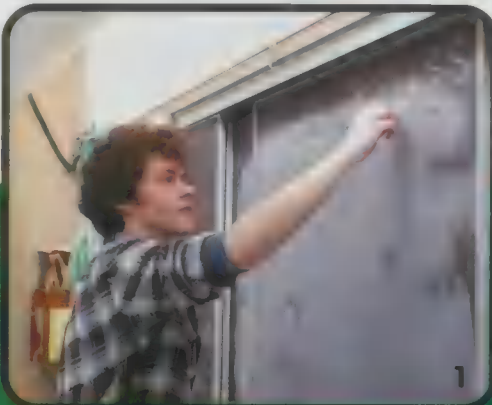
1. Sophomore **Dax Ritter** and junior **Anand Balar** practice in Mrs. Water's room after school.
2. Junior **Kelsey Brewer** practices her piece for coach Mrs. Waters.
3. Sophomore **Meredith Hite** prepares for her next round.
4. Junior **Kelly Adams** waits in between rounds.
5. Members of the debate team wait in the cafeteria for their next round to begin.
6. Junior **Nika Pniak** reviews her information.
7. Junior **Caroline Koenig** poses with seniors **Sarah Simon** and **Dana Khabbaz**.
8. Senior **John Miller** gives the sign of approval to a teammate.



Academic Teams

Being on an academic team at VHS was always a challenge, but the students who participated in these teams had a lot of fun competing and practicing together. Senior **Sarah Simon**, a member of Quiz Bowl, said, "I loved the adrenaline rush I got when I knew one of the questions!"

The hard work the academic teams put in during the year paid off. The Science Olympiad Team placed fourth at state and second overall at the IU-Northwest Regional. Quiz bowl members placed 12th out of 20 teams at their state competition.



1. Matthew Schenck writes team names on the board.

2. Sam Mueller completes his work on the computer for Science Olympiad.

3. The Spell Bowl team poses with their ribbons. They were DAC champions.

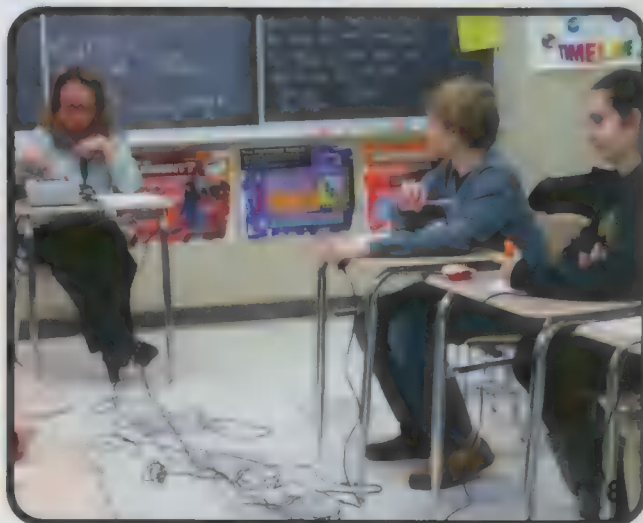
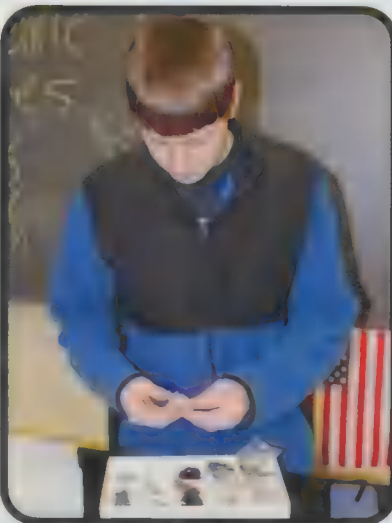
4. The Spell Bowl team celebrates their victory with coach Chantel Melchi.

5. Steven Byers concentrates on his project.

6. Seniors Domi Szabo and Fernando Ortiz laugh after answering a question in Quiz Bowl.

7. Lars Henderson

8. Mrs. Melchi asks a question as Chandler Nielsen and Claire Simon prepare to answer.



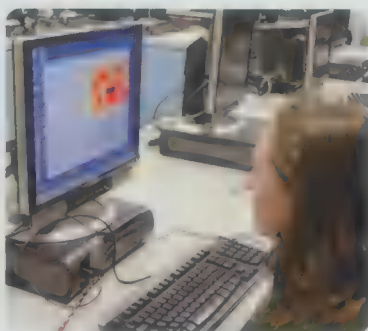


Computers are a valuable learning tool for Science Olympiad members.

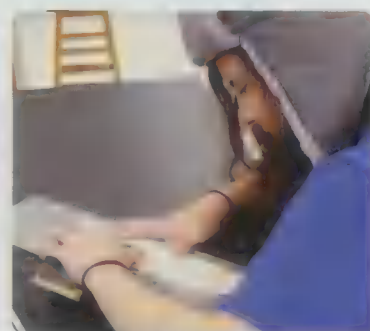


Katherine Dolan-Bennett measures in order to complete her task.

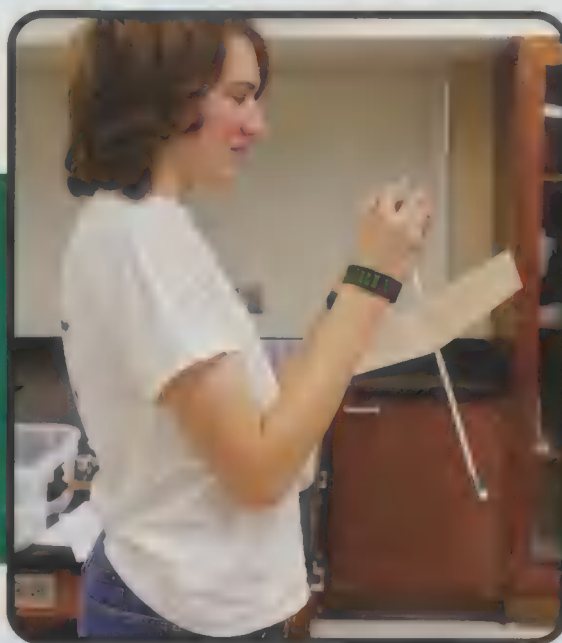
The Quiz Bowl team enjoys themselves while waiting for the next question.



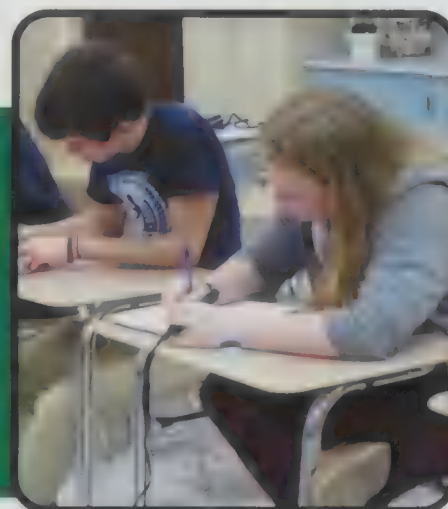
Carl Schenck displays part of his project.



Science Olympiad members spend part of their time researching in the lab.



Eli Martin-Eberhardt works on her airplane.



Sam Yaros and Peter Williams answer a question in Quiz Bowl.

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Q: Why did you decide to join quiz bowl?

A: "I decided to join quiz bowl to learn more and interact with my teammates and teams at other schools," said junior Sam Yaros.

Q: What is your favorite thing about quiz bowl?

A: "The bus rides with my teammates and practices are fun," said Yaros.

Q: How well do you interact with your teammates?

A: "I interact really well with my teammates and we all work well together."



Foreign Language Clubs

Students were able to take foreign language classes, but they also had the opportunity to participate in their favorite foreign language clubs after school which included German, French, Spanish, and Japanese Clubs.

"Christkindlmarket in Chicago was such a fun experience! I loved seeing all the different German food and decorations. I definitely would go next year!" said junior Emily Whited.

Foreign language clubs offered students the chance to meet afterschool with their friends while learning more about the cultural traditions and customs of different countries.



1. Members of the German classes stop for a picture while at the International Soccer Fest.
2. During the game the German team attempts to score a goal.
3. French students smile for a picture while attending the International Soccer Festival.
4. Senior Peyton Reed, junior Maddie Douglas, junior Alyssa Despay, and senior Tucker Jaroll sing Spanish songs on the last day before winter break begins.
5. Seniors Peter Fink and Carl Schenk.
6. Junior Madelein Devries and classmates sing Spanish songs while caroling with Mr. Rodea.
7. German students celebrate with excitement as they win their game.
8. Mr. Rodea coaches his students during the soccer festival.



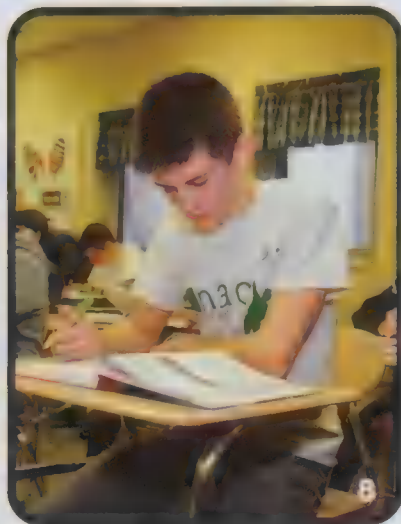
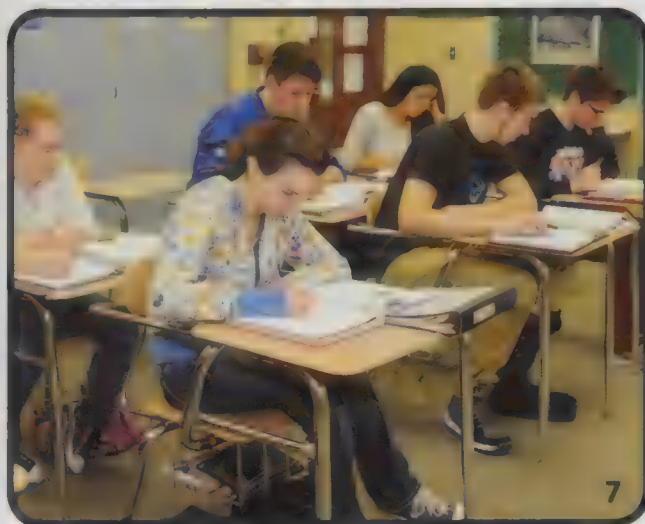
Foreign Language



During the school year, students had the opportunity at Valparaiso High School to study a variety of foreign languages which included Spanish, German, French, Latin, or Japanese. While in class, the students learned how to speak the language, and they also studied the different countries and their cultures.

"I have been in German since middle school, and I loved it! I liked learning about Germany and I loved speaking the language!" said sophomore **Erica Lindy**.

For many students, studying a foreign language expanded their world view and gave them insight into other cultures and traditions.



1. In class German class, students listen attentively to Frau Houldieson.
2. Senior **Jordan Galligan** focuses on his work in German class.
3. Frau Houldieson lectures to her German students.
4. Mr. **Robert Cespedes** and junior **Andrew Antonetti** smile for a picture while in class.
5. Students listen to a dialogue.
6. Junior **Benjamin Lawson** gets a start on his assignment while in Spanish class.
7. Mr. **Rodea's** students begin their homework for the day.
8. Junior **Peter Williams** begins his homework while studying Spanish grammar.



Life Skills Program

The Life Skills Program was a unique organization at Valparaiso High School sponsored by Mrs. Tina Morales; the program allowed students to step in to help and befriend those in the program. The assistance of peer tutors was a vital aspect of this program. Peer Tutors gave up their study halls every day to assist students in the Life Skills program.

There were many special events that the Life Skills Program offered during the year. The annual mall trip in Merrillville occurred around Christmas where students learned how to budget their money. In addition, Family Night was another event that occurred toward the end of the year. This was a big celebration to honor the students who moved on from VHS as well as awarding others for their excellence.



1 Junior Cory Fox and senior Nick Tkach enjoy some lunch at the food court

2 Senior Jose Santiago and his teacher, Mr. Frank Nimeth play games in the mall arcade.

3 Before shopping, all of the students gather for a group picture.

4 Seniors Damesha Magee Brittani Silva and Elyse Hebert gather their purchases and prepare to leave the mall.

5 Sophomore Morgan Rowe, junior Paola Resendiz-Rivera and senior Emily Novello take a picture after eating lunch.

6 Students wrap presents after shopping.

7 Junior Adriene Shoulders and sophomore Curtis Allen pretend to play baseball at the mall.

8 The students enjoy their hamburgers after a busy day of shopping.





After spending most of the day shopping, freshman **Matt Simon** takes a time out in the arcade to play some video games.



Mr. Frank Nimeth attempts to cheer up a tired **Jacob Cummings** (junior) with the assistance of senior **Emily Keaton**.



At the annual mall trip, junior **Jacob Cummings** sits next to Santa Claus and tells him all of the things he has on his Christmas list.

Before wrapping all of the presents she bought for her family, senior **Angela Darrol** takes a picture with senior **Emily Novello**.



Before wrapping presents, sophomore **Tyler Potterbaum** and senior **Cydney Young** smile for a photo.



Senior **Diamesha Magee** and sophomore **Alexandria Evans** wrap the presents that they purchased for their families.



Smiling from ear to ear, junior **Paola Resendiz-Rivera** gives Santa a hug before she continues to shop.

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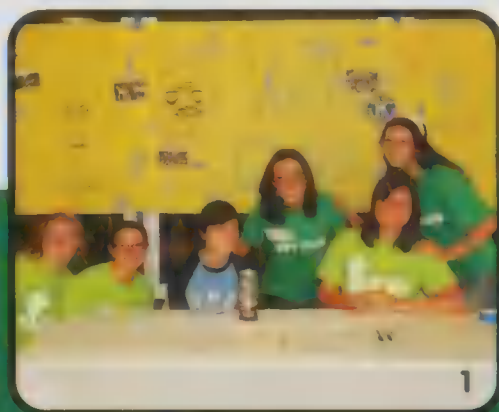
Senior **Kelsey Dodrill** had been in the life skills program for four years. Kelsey will miss many things about her experiences at VHS. She will miss going on the annual mall trip, and also going out into the community during third hour. Most of all, though, she will miss her favorite teacher, **Mrs. Tina Morales**. Her favorite activity in school was taking daily trips to R-Mart during September to work in the shoe department. She made many friends working there and planned to visit often. She also planned to come back to visit her classmates and teachers as well. Her future plans included getting a job at Opportunity Enterprises.



Key Club

The Valparaiso High School Key Club provided opportunities for students to help others in the community. Key Club members participated in many activities including the Popcorn Panic, as well as hosting a Halloween party for the children of faculty and staff at VHS. In addition, they created a float for the Homecoming parade, as well as other projects such as raking leaves around the community. The club also sponsored the King of Heart's dance.

"I loved Key Club, it was such a fun experience. I loved helping others in our community and had such a fun time doing it," said sophomore **Carly Dekock**.



1. Key Club members sponsor a booth at Freshman Fun Night.
2. Freshman **Brittany Brice** smiles as she plays some games at the Halloween party.
3. Key Club members smile for a picture.
4. Sponsor **Mrs. Debra Shaffer** works on the float for the Homecoming parade.
5. Working afterschool, Key Club members create posters.
6. Students rake leaves for local homes.
7. Junior **Caitlyn D'elia** poses next to the Homecoming float.
8. The members smile for a group picture after a meeting.



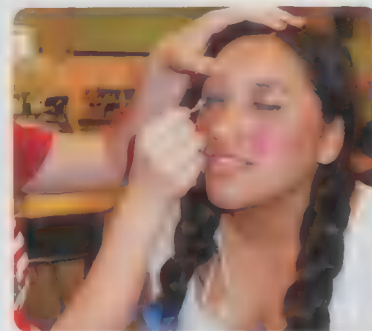


Students volunteer to help local residents with leaf raking.

Sophomores Niko Mireles and Paige Mekola get ready to participate in the Popcorn Panic.



Sophomore Leslie Gordian gets her make up done before joining the Homecoming Parade.



Sophomore Carly De Kock and friends enjoy the Winter Lights Festival.



Sophomore Christopher Hartz dresses in a banana suit while taking part in the Key Club Halloween party.



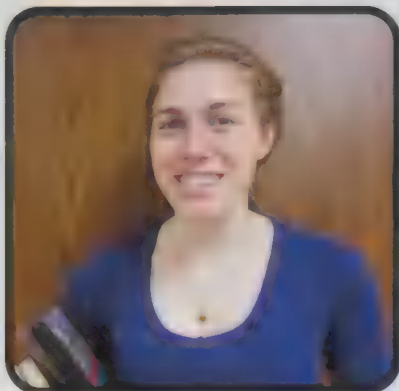
Members of Key Club enjoy the Halloween Party held at the high school. The club sponsored the party for children of VHS faculty and staff.



Before walking in the Popcorn Panic, members of the club take a group picture.

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Being the senior representative Kathryn Schoer was very dedicated to being in Key Club. "The best part of being in Key Club was meeting all the other members. It was so refreshing in our world of greed and selfishness to meet others who loved to help others. Key Club has really become a family for me. We all helped each other out," said Schoer.

Schoer was a member of Key club since her freshman year. She enjoyed being a part of a group that could help others out. "I started in Key Club freshman year just to get involved in high school, it ended up being the right club for me. I really enjoyed volunteering. Before long, I was a sophomore representative, then junior representative," said Schoer.



Natural Helpers

Juniors and seniors were eligible to go on a Natural Helper's Retreat either in the fall or spring at Camp Tecumseh. The 2012 fall retreat was held in the beginning of October and was led by ten seniors. The three day retreat progressed quickly but accomplished a great deal in the small time that was given. Sixty juniors and seniors were chosen by their peers to attend the fall retreat. On retreat students learned not only how to be a natural helper, but why they were a natural helper. The retreat shaped young adults for the future by helping them learn how they could help others.

Seniors Elisa Hoffmann, Zach Meyer, Jessalyn Ayers, Mindi Reach, John Kotynski, Ali Mogck, Veronica Chevalier, Tyler Smaga, Hannah White, and Kaylee Mathis prepared for the retreat while giving others a chance to experience something that only came once in a lifetime. The rainbow staff prepared for the retreat seven weeks before the actual retreat started.



- 1 Members of the fall rainbow staff pose for a picture in their color order of the rainbow. The staff for YPWP 9:34 led the retreat over the course of three days.
- 2 Students wait for one of the units to begin.
- 3 Seniors Hannah White, Alana Cowan, Collette Pfledderer, Brody Wilson, Andi Sarkisian, and Addison Tompi enjoy free time on the second day of retreat.
- 4 A small group is set up for a challenge during the trust unit.
- 5 Five of the ten rainbow staff prepare to begin the retreat the first night.
- 6 A group of seniors and juniors get ready to head back to the building for dinner after free time on the second day.
- 7 Most of the Natural Helper group pose just before going across the bridge back to the dorms.
- 8 Each small group participates in a magazine bag activity and discusses their true colors.

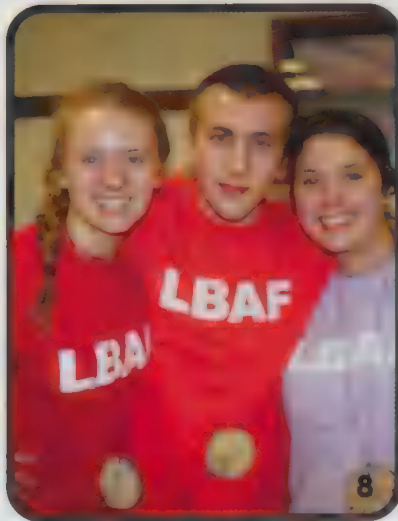
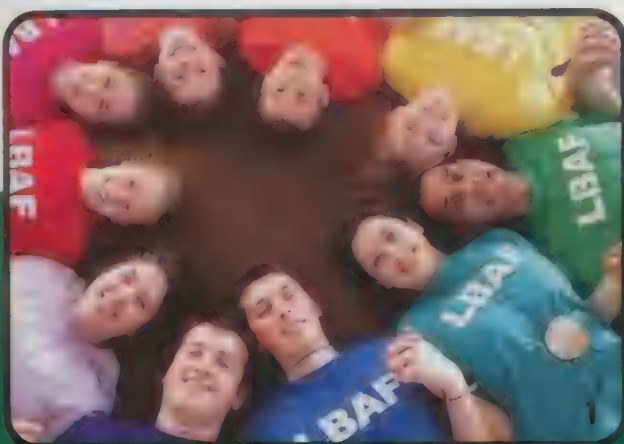


Natural Helpers



During the first homeroom of the year, students nominated their Natural Helper selections. Valparaiso High School offered two retreats, one in the fall and spring. The spring retreat for Natural Helpers occurred the second weekend in March of 2013. The spring retreat was led by ten seniors that had gone previously. Participants learned about what it meant to be a Natural Helper and what impact each of them had on their peers. The three day retreat was over in a blink of an eye but had an affect over a lifetime.

Each small group was led by one rainbow staff leader. Seniors Alyssa Jones, McCaul Sawina, Tess Galbiati, Alex Jobbe, Lexie Blum, Tim Standiford, Myriam Resendiz, Rich Wilkerson, Zach Nondorf, and Tori Perlstein helped organize the retreat within the two months prior to the event. Many of the memories made at Natural Helpers helped to shape a young adult and taught the one thing that would get anyone far in life: how to show one's true colors.



1. The spring rainbow staff poses in a circle in color order. The staff led the retreat.
2. During free time, some of the participants took part in a snow ball fight.
3. Juniors Brendan Sutherland, Kyle Salomon, Luke Kovar, Kelly Bledsoe, and Lauren Reineke pose for a picture in the dining area.
4. Seniors Nicole Koehn and Amanda Hurley take a picture with juniors Mandy Ploetz and Natalie Lichtenberger after an eventful day.
5. Seven of the ten members on staff take a quick picture during the free time on the second day.
6. Seniors Sam Prevost, Marisa Cain, Andrew Miles, and Mary Rooker pose with their woodchips just before leaving.
7. A group picture is taken before the ride home.
8. Seniors Alyssa Jones, Alex Jobbe, and Tori Perlstein, our together the retreat while on rainbow staff.

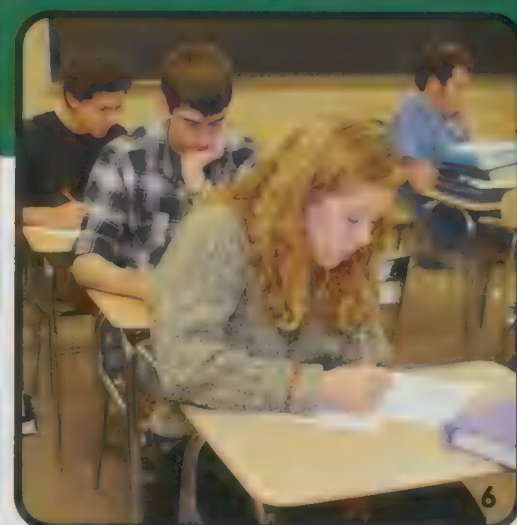
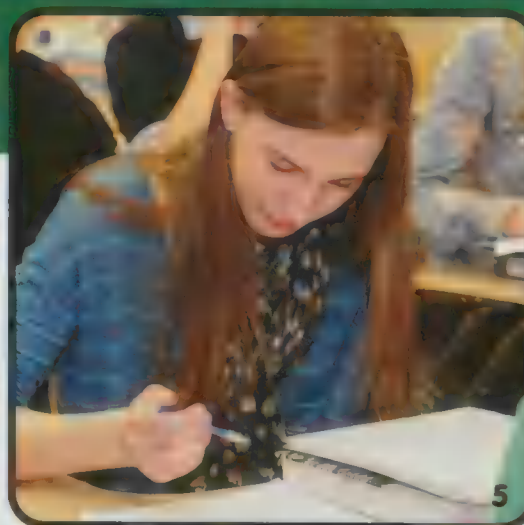
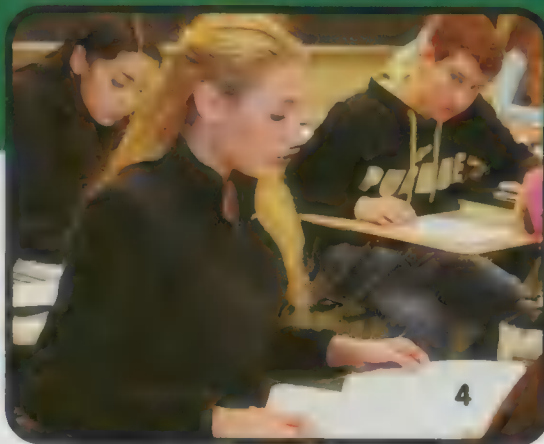
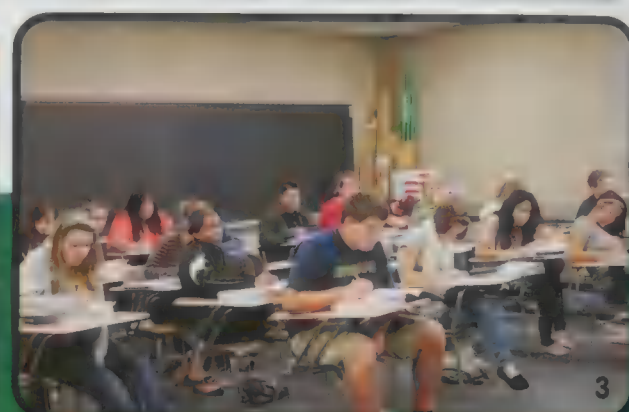


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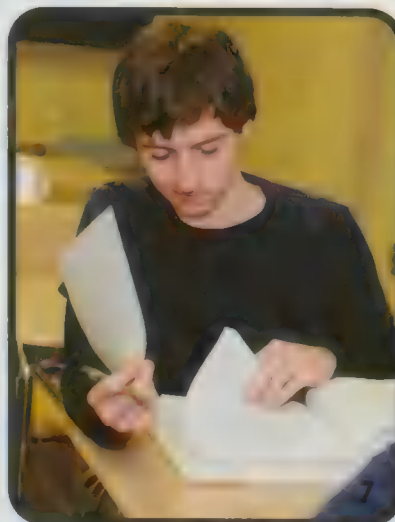
The VHS math department was busy at work creating lessons to further the education of the students. In order to graduate from VHS, students were required to take a math class their freshman, sophomore, and junior year. Most students also took a math class their senior year as well.

There were a variety of math courses to choose from at VHS. These classes included: algebra I, geometry, algebra II, pre-calculus, calculus, and discrete math.

"The best part about teaching math was seeing the expression on my students' faces after they had been struggling with a difficult concept and they finally grasped the solution," said Mr. John Hershberger.



1. As their teacher explains the lesson, the students listen intently.
2. Junior Kelly Bledsoe prepares to take notes.
3. Pre-Calculus students prepare to take a quiz.
4. Senior Victoria Letnich looks through her book.
5. Junior Carly Greubel writes down notes.
6. Students do their best to finish the homework they have been assigned.
7. Senior Anthony Majewski flips through his textbook looking for the assigned page.
8. Mrs. Tracy Corneil reviews solutions.

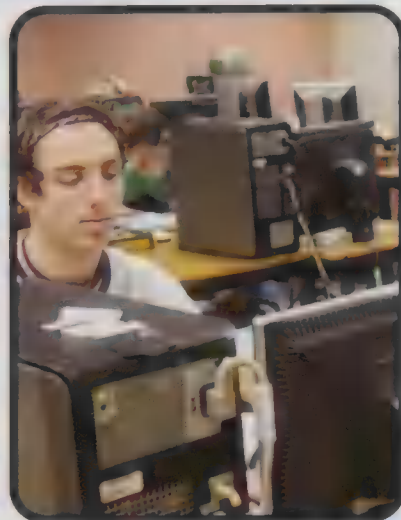
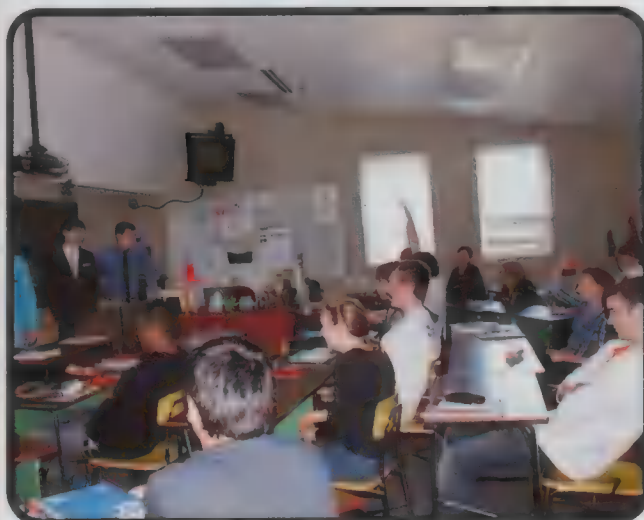
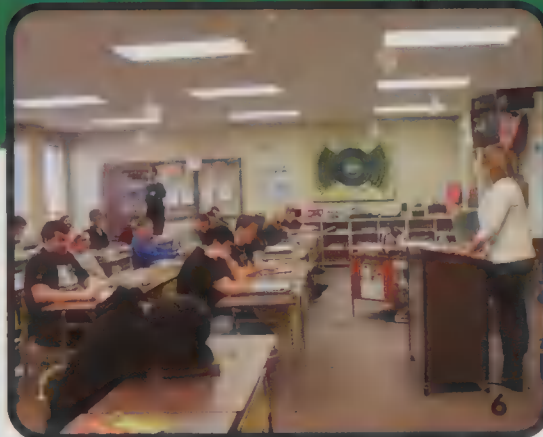
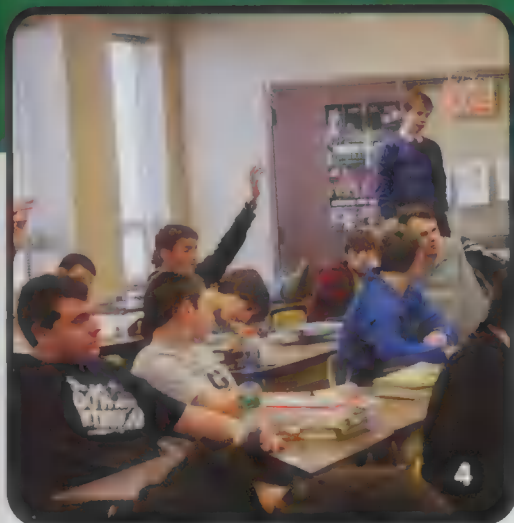
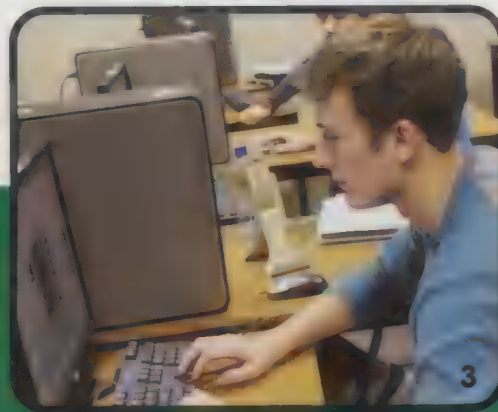
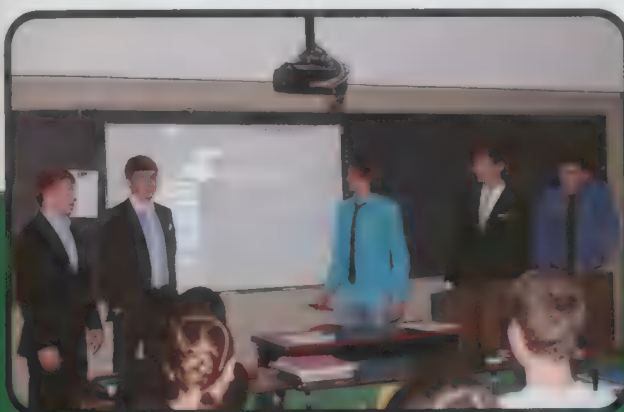


Business



Many business classes offered at Valparaiso High School gave students exposure to marketing, personal law, and even accounting. Students interested in owning their own business took classes such as these in order to gain an introduction to real-life application. The students also learned a great deal regarding finance, and occasionally took an informative field trip to places such as the court house.

"This semester our law class traveled to the Porter County Courthouse and got to observe criminal cases. Afterwards, Judge Chidester answered any questions that we had about the cases and gave us some life advice in making smart decisions. Everyone had a really great time!" said business teacher Ms. Lauren Covington.



1. A group of senior boys give a presentation in their entrepreneurship class.
2. Juniors Adam Shoemaker and Kyle Miller look for the assigned pages to read.
3. Senior Patrick Dalton does an online business simulation in marketing class.
4. Students participate in a discussion.
5. Senior Matthew Blaschke works on his assignment in the computer lab.
6. Students jot down notes in regards to their assignment.
7. Listening to the presentation, students raise their hands to ask questions.
8. Junior Triston Rouse

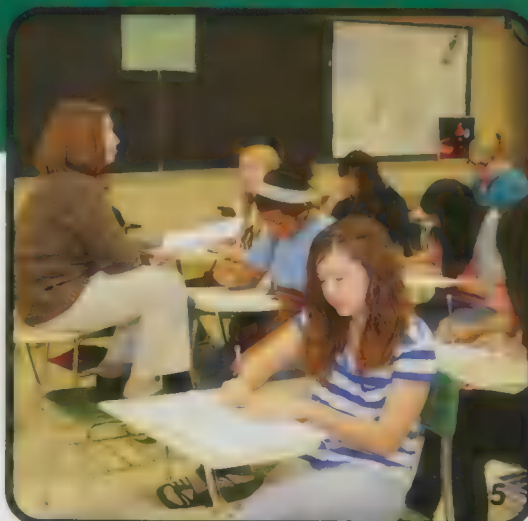
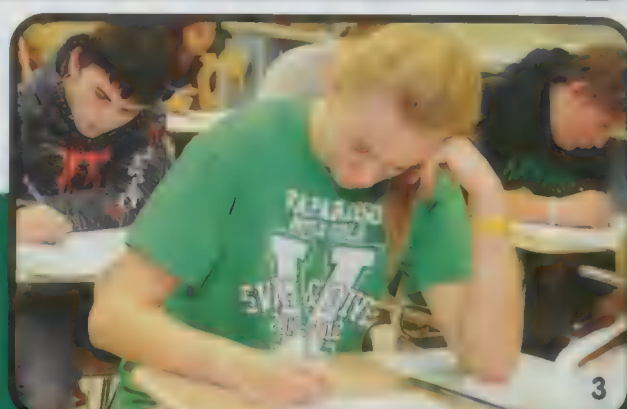
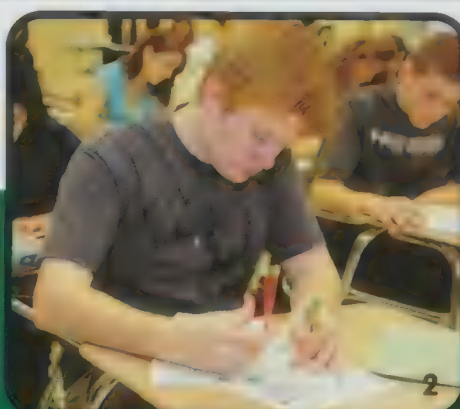


Science

"My favorite part about teaching was helping students see that in school and life there were a series of choices that they got to do. You got to choose your attitude and effort in everything," said science teacher **Mr. Brett Polizotto**.

Choice. It was certainly something students had when choosing classes in the science department at VHS. Students could choose from a variety of classes that included: biology, earth space, physics, chemistry, environmental science, and zoology as well anatomy.

VHS students were required to take three years of science classes. With the diversity of classes at VHS there was a class for everyone.



1. Freshmen students take notes during a biology lesson.

2. **Kevin Scannell** completes his test.

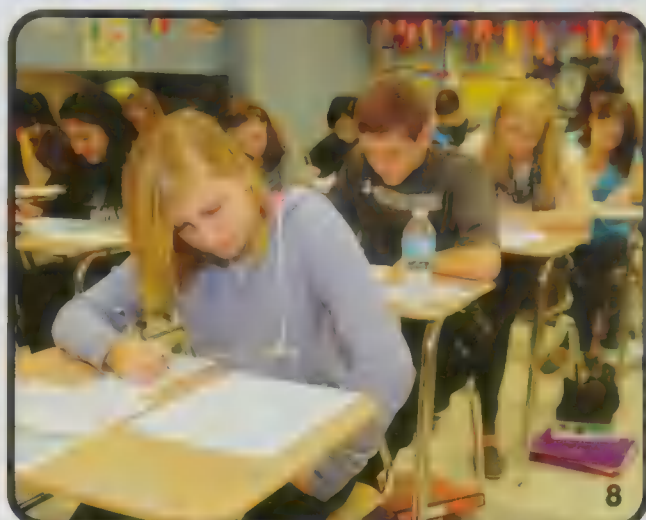
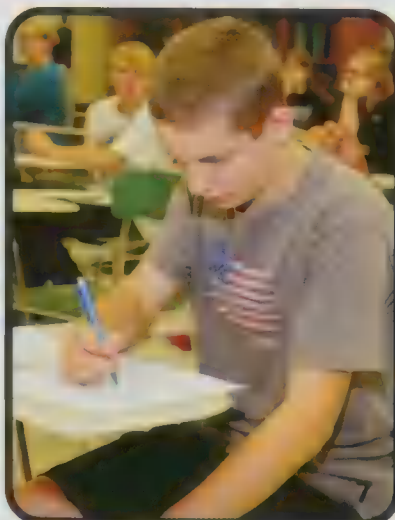
3. Reading the questions carefully, **Meara Keen** chooses the correct answer.

4. Sophomore **Mona Sehgal** works diligently on her test.

5. **Mrs. Jackie Collins** goes over notes with her students.

6. Sophomore **Shannon Tucker** fills in the answers on her test sheet.

7. Freshman **Matt Yogan** works on his biology homework during class. 8. **Mrs. Melchi's** class completes their tests.

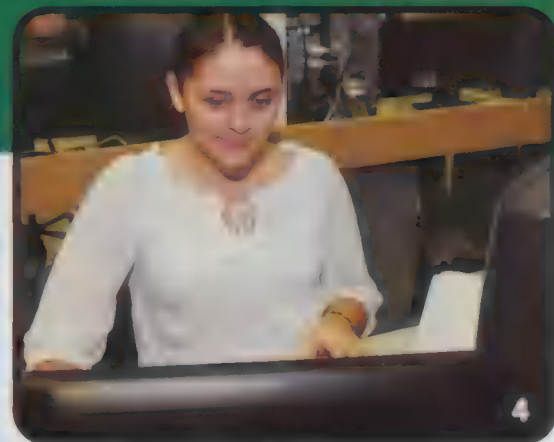
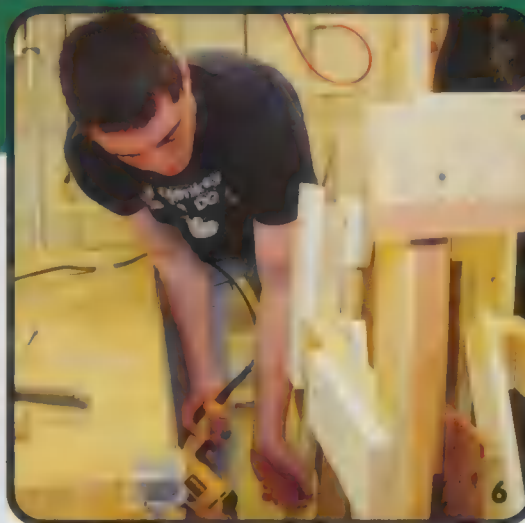
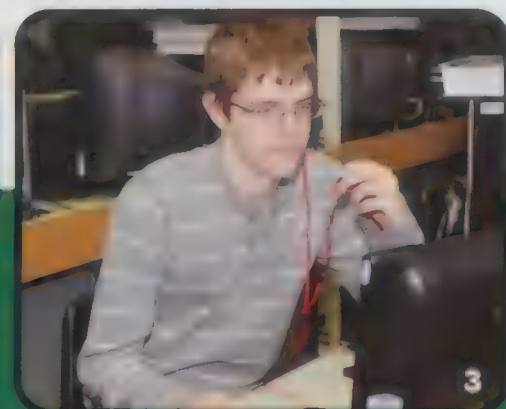
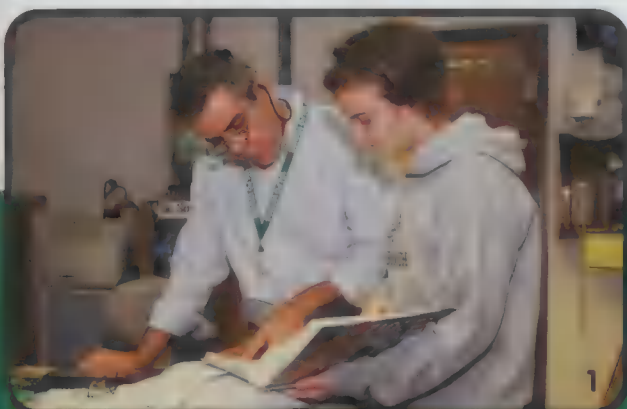


Technology



Technology was an area where elective courses were offered to students during their years at Valparaiso High School. Some of these technology courses included: manufacturing, engineering, and computer design. These classes taught students the techniques and skills for those interested in pursuing careers in fields such as architecture, engineering, computer design and construction.

Students who took technology classes agreed that taking the courses prepared them for any future technology training either in trade school or college. Whether it was computer graphics or hand-made creations, students tested themselves to the best of their abilities during the class.



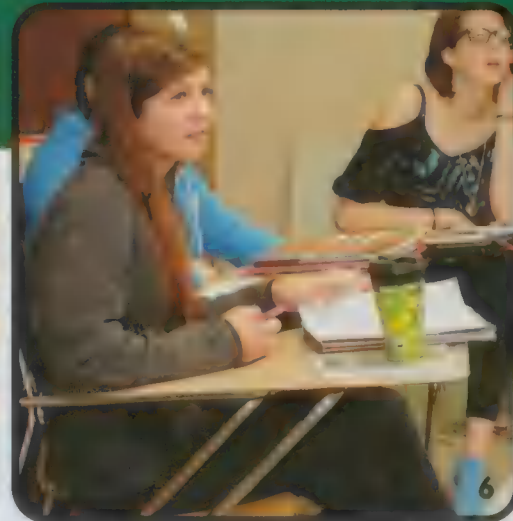
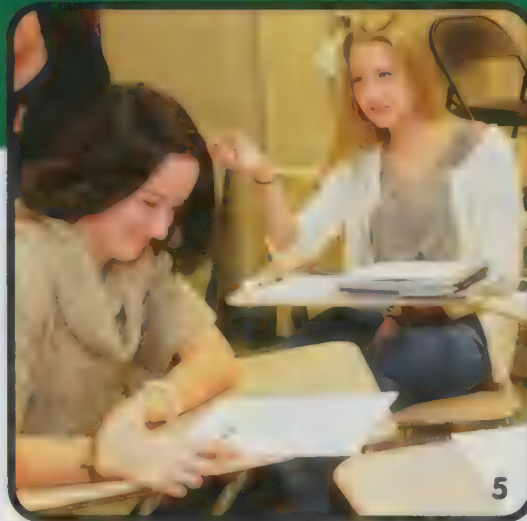
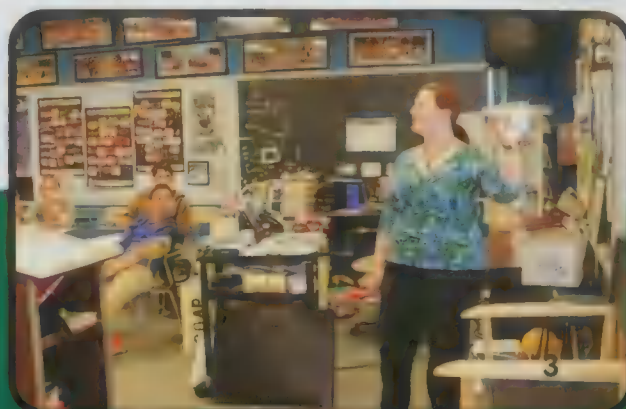
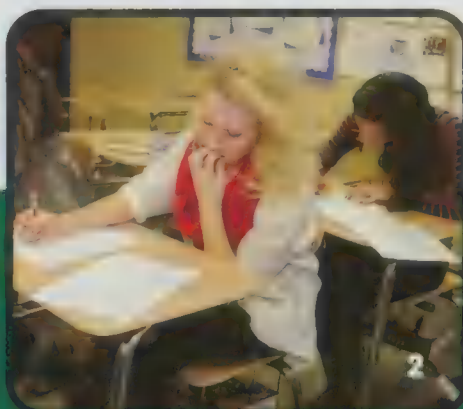
1. Senior Carley Lemmon asks Mr. El Naggar a question about the homework.
2. Junior David Gutierrez carries his project.
3. On his computer, sophomore Daniel Wimberley completes his work.
4. Junior Nina Kranjac works on the computer to finish her CAD assignment.
5. Using teamwork, juniors Aaron Fonseca and Oscar Romo get their job done.
6. George Krummel builds his project.
7. Mr. El Naggar's students get ready to see their catapult in action.
8. Reaching for the proper tool, senior Joel Madrigal continues to work on his project.



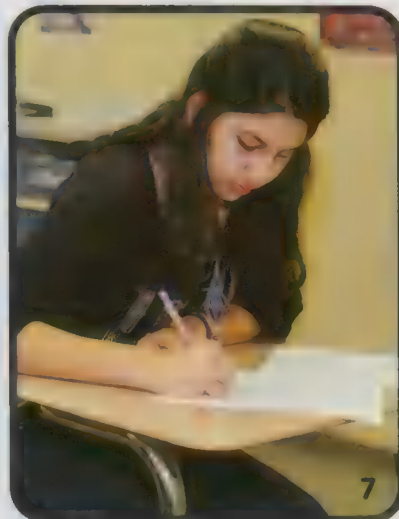
English

Valparaiso High School required students to take four years of English in order to improve their writing and communication skills while gaining an appreciation for literature. In addition, students could opt to take classes such as journalism and creative writing as electives.

"While planning a lesson, I loved coming up with an idea, something creative I knew the students would enjoy and benefit from. I also just loved any laughable moments. Last, I loved having former students contacting me, often encouraging me to keep doing my best. I really appreciated any student's kind words, especially former ones," said English teacher Mr. Matt Thomas.



1. Senior Zach Meyer and junior Tim Blue ask questions in speech class about the assignment.
2. Taking their English test, seniors Olivia Lawson and Carmen Henderson take their time and focus on each question.
3. Mrs. Kat Bailey explains the informative speech to her class of seniors.
4. Senior Mary Rooker writes down the answers to her honors English test.
5. Doing a group activity, seniors Tess Weismann and Addison Tompi discuss answers.
6. Seniors Alex Kalasountas and Heather Hoskins listen to Mrs. Kat Bailey lecture in speech class.
7. Senior Neha Sehgal writes down notes.
8. Students in a ninth grade English class listen while their teacher explains their next activity.

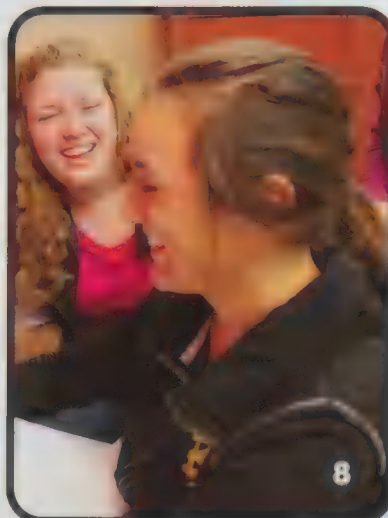
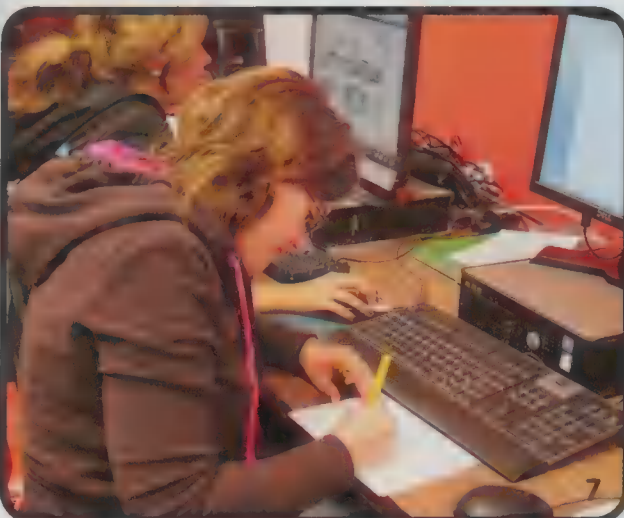
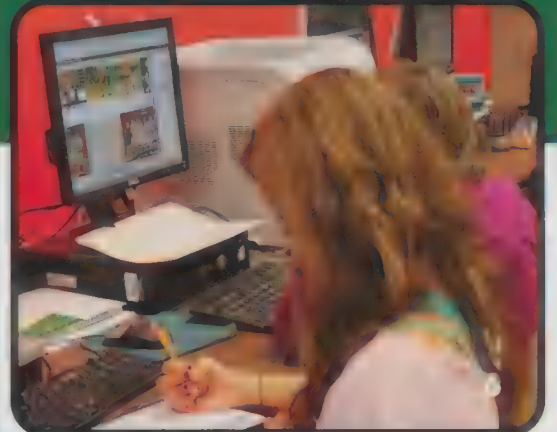
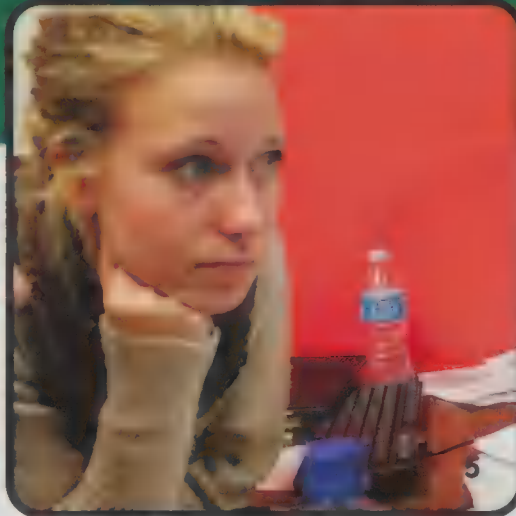
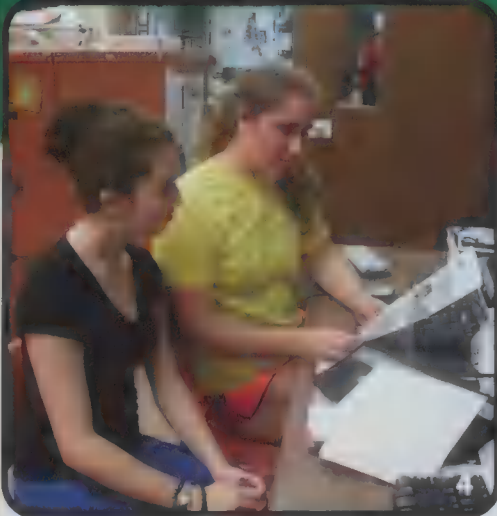
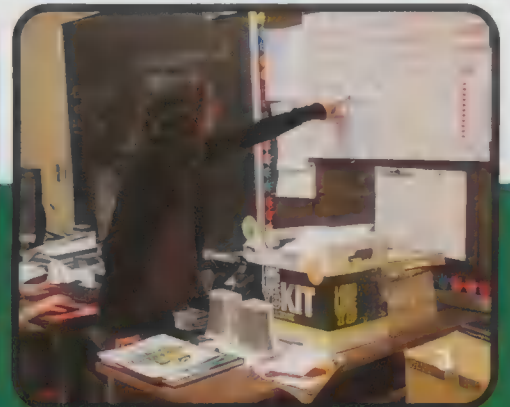
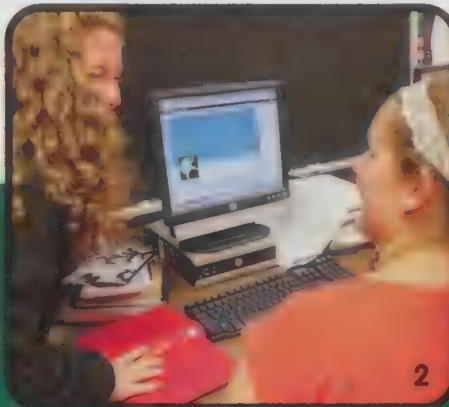
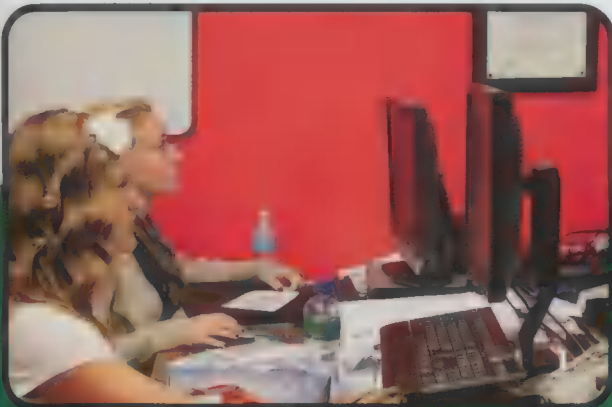


Valenian



Every day during 5/6 hour, one could find the yearbook staff busy at work in the little room located in Orange 101. These staff members created the yearbook with the assistance of English teacher **Ms. Gordana Sormaz**. They were busy at work every day with a new task. From taking pictures to writing copy, to selling ads, the staff learned first hand that creating a yearbook was no easy task.

"Yearbook was so fun because we were like one big family. We got the work done, but we had a good time doing it. This was my first year on the yearbook staff and it was one thing that I'm really going to miss when I graduate," said senior **Alyssa Dillon**.



1. Seniors **Lizz Gold** and **Hannah Raschke** check their spreads for corrections.
2. While listening to senior **Hannah White** senior editor **Maddisen Brennecke** completes her page.
3. Pointing to the page ladder, senior **Emily Novello** locates her next page to complete.
4. Looking over her spread, senior **Alyssa Dillon** asks senior editor **Maddisen Brennecke** for advice.
5. Senior **Hannah Raschke** looks over her sports copy.
6. Senior **Emily Street** writes down reminders of the work she must complete for the soccer spread.
7. Writing up questions, junior **Theresa Kay** jots down notes.
8. Senior **Hannah White** and junior **Brooke Sever** look through the homecoming pictures.



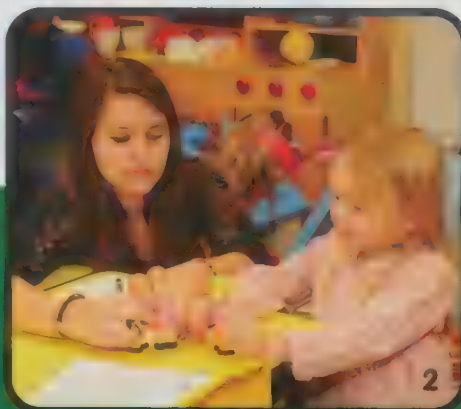
Consumer Science

VHS offered many consumer science courses to help prepare students for life after high school. Some of these classes included child development, nutrition and wellness, interpersonal relationships, as well as fashion and textiles.

Child development classes had students create fun activities for the preschoolers. Each class, they had a different "theme" such as carnival day, animal day, nature day, etc.

In nutrition and wellness, students learned how to cook a variety of meals and desserts.

IPR was a class where students had an opportunity to work on communication skills. They also worked on service learning projects that they devised as a class.



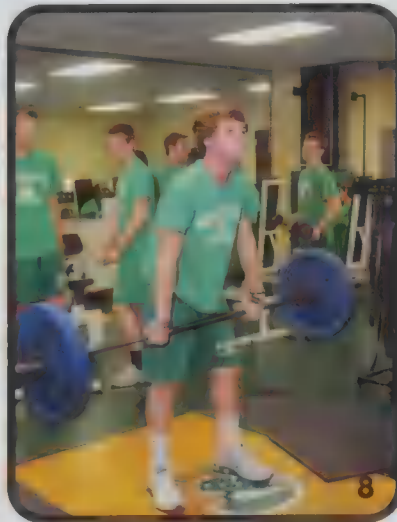
- 1 Senior Alex Tucker and Jessica Parton work on an activity during IPR
- 2 Freshman Destane Miller and a pre-schooler play with dolls
- 3 Sophomore Julia Sergent helps one of the kids put on a hat she made
- 4 During nutrition and wellness Mrs. Ginger Sajdera demonstrates the dessert students will be required to prepare
- 5 During child development class sophomore Tiffany Frazier helps one of the children tie on the hat she made
- 6 Senior Alyssa Gates comes to the aid of one of the preschoolers during an activity
- 7 Sophomore Tony Heer keeps a close eye on one of the preschoolers
- 8 Senior Ashley Baker goes over the rules of a game during the child development class



Physical Education



Among the many electives that students could choose to take at VHS, many opted to take a physical education class to stay in shape. The different physical education classes that were offered included freshmen P.E. class (which was mandatory), weightlifting, dance, gymnastics, tennis, volleyball, etc. Although, it wasn't mandatory to take P.E. after freshman year, many students continued to take gym classes during their high school career for a change of pace outside the normal classroom setting. For example, the students who took the dance class got the opportunity to go to the middle schools and teach the middle schoolers the dances that they learned.



1. Senior Taylor Post, sophomores Jenna Mitchell, and Gabby Brown lead the dance class. They wore tie-dye as part of their dance outfits.
2. Sophomore Nick Remijan serves the birdie while playing badminton.
3. Sophomore Gabby Brown enjoys dancing.
4. Students practice their dribbling skills during gym class.
5. Junior Stephanie Parker displays strength.
6. Mr. Craig discusses strategies with students during one of his P.E. classes.
7. Students scrimmage against each other.
8. During weightlifting, senior Jake Miller works on maxing out.

#Year In Review

1. Whitney Houston
2. Hurricane Sandy
3. Election 2012
4. Hunger Games
5. Jeremy Lin



6. Olympics 2012
7. Amanda Todd
8. Gangnam Style
9. Michael Clarke Duncan
10. Kony 2012

Around 9:30 am and a little than a week before Christmas, tragedy struck on December 14th, 2012, in Newtown, Connecticut. Adam Lanza, 20, shot and killed twenty children and six adult staff members in a mass murder at Sandy Hook Elementary. All were elementary students. Hearts were breaking all over the world in shock of what happened on this tragic day.

Before driving to the school, Lanza shot and killed his mother Nancy at their Newtown home. After he committed this horrible crime of killing over a dozen elementary school students, staff, and his own mother, he shot himself. *The New York Daily Times* stated that the investigation had found that Lanza had created a 7-by-4 foot sized spreadsheet listing around 500 mass murderers and the weapons they used, which was considered to have taken years of work and to have been used by Lanza as a "score sheet". Lanza's brother, Adama Lanza, stated that Lanza was believed to have a personality disorder.



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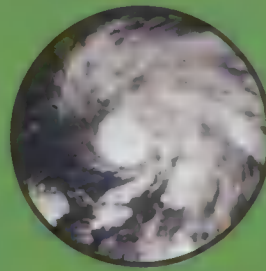
#Newtown

On Monday, October 29, 2012, Superstorm Sandy created havoc in New Jersey by causing flooding, power outages, uprooting trees, as well as devastating the iconic New Jersey shoreline beaches and boardwalks.

New York City was left under water after the East River flooded Lower Manhattan, the subway system, underground garages, highways, and tunnels. In addition, the city was left without power, and there were forced evacuations from the New York University Langone Medical Center.

The Atlantic City, NJ boardwalk was damaged and portions were washed away, and the Jersey shoreline was devastated by the storm surge.

Some residents of New England lost their homes, belongings, and some their lives. It was estimated that the storm killed 285 people. Sandy cost \$75 billion in total estimated property damage in the United States.



1. *Django Unchained*
2. *The Master*
3. *Zero Dark Thirty*
4. *Silver Linings Playbook*
5. *Beasts of the Southern Wild*
6. *Life of Pi*
7. *Killing Them Softly*
8. *Skyfall*
9. 42
10. *Les Misérables*



#Superstorm

#Top10Movies

1. One Direction
2. Taylor Swift
3. Fun
4. Rihanna
5. 2 Chainz



6. Frank Ocean
7. Carly Rae Jepsen
8. Nicki Minaj
9. Psy
10. Flo Rida

Four thousand and two hundred passengers boarded the Carnival cruise ship *Triumph* in Galveston, Texas, on February 7th, 2013. Passengers expected a four-day cruise to Cozumel, Mexico. However, mechanical issues occurred, leaving a fire and the passengers were forced to stay on the ship for five days without power. The heating, cooling, and sewage systems all failed, resulting in unsanitary conditions and food shortages. The 14 year old ship had experienced mechanical problems in the past, but Carnival will allow the cruise ship to sail.

After finally docking in Mobile, Alabama, after a week on the ship, passengers disembarked with a defeated air as many claimed they would never sail with Carnival again. All passengers received a full refund, future cruise discounts, and \$500 from the cruise company.



#Top10Artists

#CruiseDisaster

The 2012 race was spent discussing controversial issues throughout the primaries and even on Election Day. The Democratic Party nominated our 44th President Barack Obama who ran again with Vice President Joe Biden.

The Republican candidate Mitt Romney was nominated by his party in August 2012 and chose Paul Ryan to be the Vice President nominee. Researchers stated that it was difficult to pick a winner of the election. The night of the election, the Electoral College was waiting on the results for Ohio, which would later make or break the decision of the Presidency. At around 11:15 EST, Ohio called on Obama as the winner of that state. In the middle of the night, it was announced that Obama won the primary. Barack Obama had 332 electoral votes, while Mitt Romney had 206 in the end.

Barack Obama took the Oath of Office on January 20, 2013 in a private ceremony in the Blue Room of the White House. The Inauguration weekend was attended by one million people while many Americans watched at home. The Inaugurated Ceremonies were held on January 21, 2013.



#Election

#Year In Review

Superbowl XLVII featured the AFC champions, the Baltimore Ravens, and the NFC champions, the San Francisco 49ers. The game took place on Sunday, February 3, at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana. This game was the first time in Superbowl history that the two opposing coaches were actually brothers. Jim and John Harbaugh were competing against one another in a game, that many people nicknamed "The Harbowl," to see which team would be considered the best in the NFL.

This game also featured many talented celebrities taking the field to entertain the 71,024 people in attendance. Alicia Keys came out before the start of the game to sing the National Anthem and Beyonce, along with some old members from her group *Destiny's Child*, followed later in the night as she performed the halftime show for the crowd.

Early in the third quarter, a partial power outage in the Superdome suspended play for 34 minutes. This incident played into the 49er's favor because when play resumed, San Francisco scored 17 points in the third quarter. Although the San Francisco 49ers started to make a remarkable comeback, it was too little too late for them. The Baltimore Ravens became the 2013 Superbowl Champions by winning with a close score of 34-31. Raven's quarterback, Joe Flacco, was named Superbowl MVP. This victory marked the Baltimore Raven's second Superbowl win in NFL history.



#Superbowl



On Friday July 20, 2012 a mass shooting occurred at a Century movie theater in Aurora, Colorado during the midnight showing of *The Dark Knight Rises*. James Eagan Holmes was the sole shooter who allegedly killed 12 people and severely injured a total of 58 people.

According to two federal officials, he had dyed his hair a red-orange color and called himself "the Joker." He was dressed in all black and wore a gas mask, a load-bearing vest, a ballistic helmet, bullet-resistant leggings, a throat protector, a groin protector, and tactical gloves.

Some of the people at the theater believed that the gunman was playing a prank while others thought that he was part of a special effects installation set up for the film's premiere. According to CNN News, Holmes used canisters of tear gas which went off before he started to shoot, causing the audience's eyes to become irritated. Next, Holmes then fired a 12-gauge Remington 870 Express Tactical shotgun, first at the ceiling and then at the audience. Next, he fired a Smith & Wesson M&P15 semi-automatic rifle with a 100-round drum magazine which quit working after reportedly firing about 30 rounds. Finally, he fired a Glock 22 40-caliber handgun. He shot first to the back of the room, and then toward people in the aisles.

Witnesses said fire alarms sounded soon after but people were hesitant to leave because of the rumors that there was another shooter in the lobby.

Seventy people were shot or otherwise wounded, reported by mainstream news as the most victims of any mass shooting in United States history. It is also the deadliest shooting in Colorado since the Columbine High School massacre on April 20, 1999.

#Shooting

Pat Summerall (1930-2013) American football broadcaster and Super Bowl commentator and play-by-play announcer.
Jonathan Winters (1925-2013) American actor, writer, comedian, and actor.
Richard Griffiths (1947-2013) British actor, writer, producer, and director.
Bobby Rogers (1940-2013) American actor, writer, and producer.
Chandler Williams (1985-2013) American actor, writer, and producer.
Stan Musial (1920-2013) American baseball player and Hall of Famer.
Caleb Moore (1987-2013) American actor, writer, and producer.
Reg Presley (1941-2013) American actor, writer, and producer.
Mindy McCready (1957-2013) American country music singer.

#CelebrityDeaths

When white smoke finally blew from the chimney in the Vatican, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio was elected as the new pope. Bergoglio chose to take the name Pope Francis to honor St. Francis of Assisi, an admirer of nature and a servant to the poor and destitute. Unlike many popes that have roman numerals after their names, Pope Francis does not have these because he was the first pope to take the name Francis. He was a very unique pope in a number of ways. He was the first Jesuit and first Latin American pope of all time. According to CNN, he preferred to be looked at as a normal guy. For example, he chose to live in an apartment instead of the papal residence, traveled on a chauffeured limousine, and cooked his own meals. He had told a senior Vatican official to "act decisively" against sexual abuse scandals and carry out due proceedings against the guilty. The Vatican announced recently.



#Pope

The 2013 Academy Awards took place on February 24, 2013 at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles. Every year, the most beloved stars make an appearance at the awards show to see the most acclaimed movies win big. The show was hosted by Seth MacFarlane, the creator of the popular show *Family Guy*. Many were skeptical of his job as a host. Academy member Lawrence Turman even said he "winced" (*New York Times*) at the jokes. The controversy did bring in higher ratings, though.

As for the winners, *Argo* won for best picture. It was nominated for seven other awards and won two, including Best Film Editing and Best Adapted Screenplay. The award Best Actor this year went to Daniel Day-Lewis for his role in *Lincoln*. In addition, the Best Actress award was given to Jennifer Lawrence for her role as the young, mentally unstable Tiffany Maxwell in *Silver Linings Playbook*. The Best Supporting Actor and Actress awards were given to Christoph Waltz and Anne Hathaway, respectively.

Life of Pi was another recognized film during awards season. It was directed by Ang Lee, who won for Best Director.

#Oscars



#As We Knew It



"Yearbook was an integral part of my life for three years, and I was very blessed to have been on the staff and to have been editor. I loved creating the yearbook, and the memories for all of my classmates."
-Maddison Brennecke, 12, editor



"I have been on the yearbook staff for two years and I really enjoyed it because I got to see everything that went on in the school while being with friends!"
-Lizz Gold, 12

Throughout the year, Valparaiso High School embraced social media as they tweeted about different athletics, posted about their successes, and used hashtags to connect to each other. Technology changed the way people communicated with one another but not the fact that people still felt the need to be connected through their activities, interests, and pursuits.

VHS evolved over the year with new leadership. The different social media sites followed these new events as students, parents, and faculty expressed their opinions on the changes.

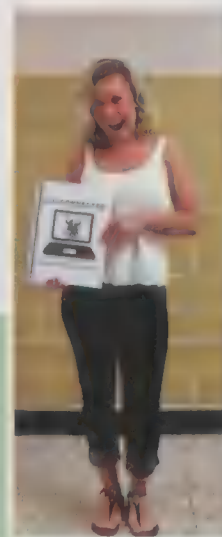
As one flips through the pages of this yearbook, one can see the development of activities whether in student life, sports, or clubs and academics. This yearbook prides the involvement of social media in the Valpo community, but ensures the celebration of VHS #AsWeKnewIt.



"It was a pleasure and a joy to work with these young ladies. Everyday was an adventure!"
-Ms. Giordana Sormaz, advisor



"It was exciting to be a part of a group that designed the yearbook each year. I have loved getting to know everyone the past two years."
-Hannah White, 12



"I joined yearbook last year and I was so glad I did because it was such a fun experience! I loved being able to create the yearbook with my friends."
-Hannah Reichke, 12



"Being on yearbook staff these past two years has been so fun because we were turned into a family of sorts."
-Emily Novello, 12



"I was so happy I decided to take yearbook this year. It was fun being able to design the pages that have captured so many memories for the students at VHS."
-Emily Street, 12



"Everyone wanted to leave something behind in high school: a piece of them to show they were there, they accomplished something. Most people turn to the photos in the yearbook to commemorate their time. But, when you create the yearbook, everyone else's history also becomes your own."
-Alyssa Dillon, 12



"Our yearbook staff was so fun to be a part of. It was great to see all our hard work pay off when the yearbook finally came out."
-Brooke Sever, 11



"I really enjoyed being on the yearbook staff because it was fun to be on top of everything that happened at VHS."
-Eleni Kasilas, 11



"Yearbook was a lot of fun. I am so glad I decided to be a part of it. Making the yearbook for my peers to enjoy years from now and look back on this year was thrilling."
-Theresa Kay, 11

Colophon:

The 2013 Valerian was produced in room Orange 101 by the yearbook staff. Phil Page was the Jostens Representative and Giordana Sormaz was the yearbook advisor. Maddisen Brennecke was the editor-in-chief.

The yearbook was produced using eight Dell computers. The Jostens Yearbook Avenue Designer was utilized. The fonts included: Elony, Maximo, Copperplate, and Rundschrift.

Volume 97 was printed by Jostens Publishing Company in Clarksville, Tennessee. All sports, academic, and dance pictures were taken by HR Imaging Studios based in Ottawa, Illinois. Senior Alyssa Dillon contributed to the photography as well. The theme was created at the summer yearbook camp in Valparaiso, Indiana.

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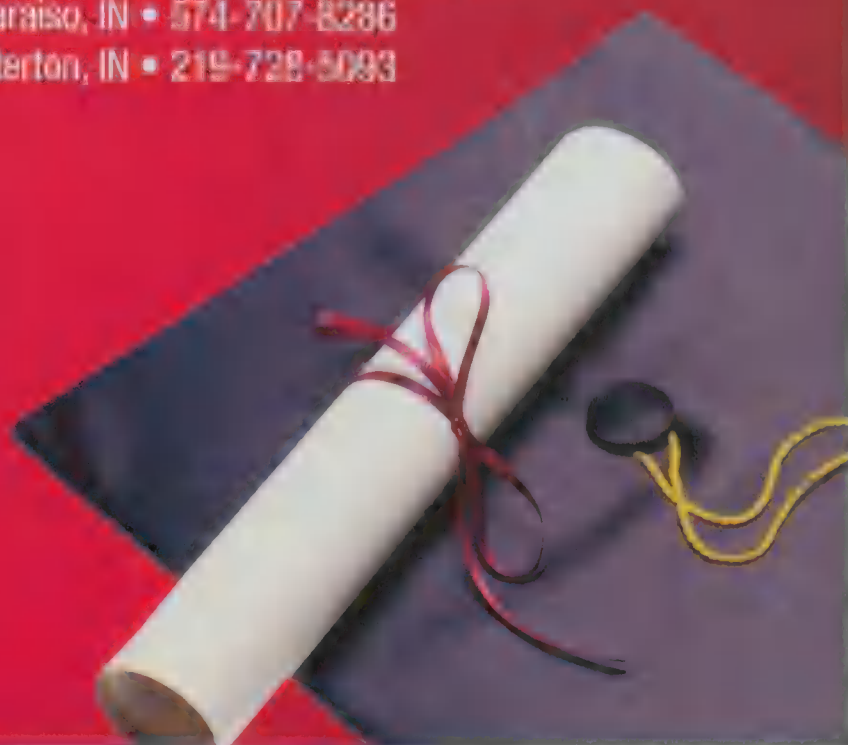
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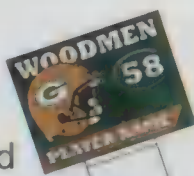
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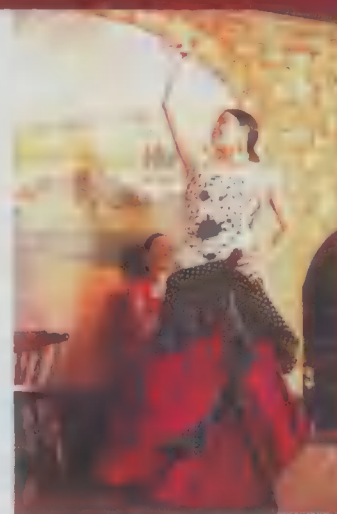


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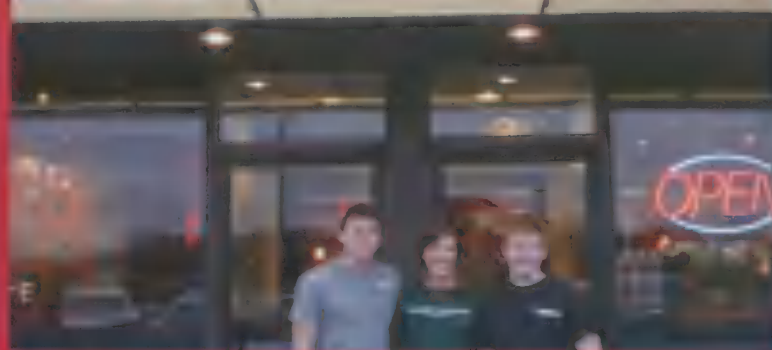
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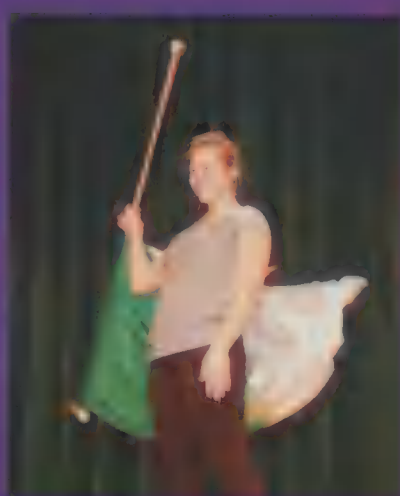
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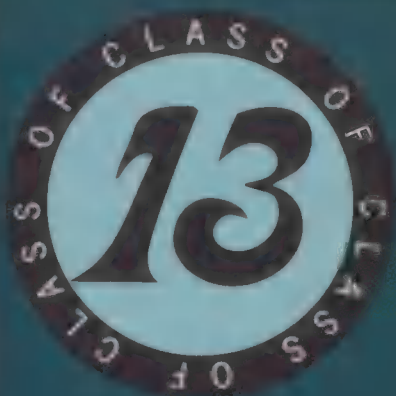
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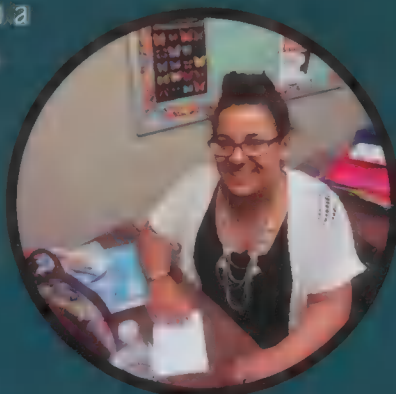
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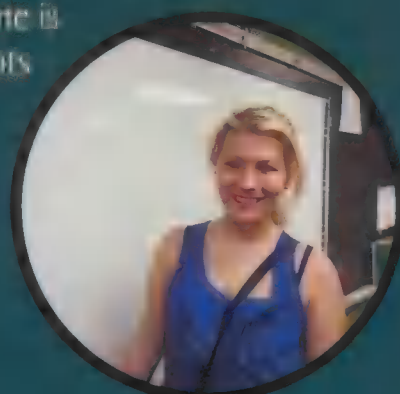
#Seniors

What will you miss most about VHS?

"I will miss the opportunity to expand my artistic boundaries. But most of all, band; it has been a part of my life for so long that leaving such a wonderful band program is bittersweet. We became a family!"
 -Jessica Lewis, 12



"What I will miss most about VHS is having all the hallways decorated at Christmas. Everyone is so happy, and it puts a smile on everyone's face."
 -Liz Sressler, 12



"What I'm going to miss most from high school would probably have to be all the friends and memories that I've made here."
 -Richie Wilkerson, 12



"What I'll miss most about high school is probably the flowing bundle of glory that is Mr. Pavell's mustache."
 -John Kotynski, 12



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